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President Barack Obama speaks at the Greater Boston Labor Council Labor Day Breakfast, Monday, Sept. 7, 2015, in Boson. Obama will sign an Executive Order requiring federal contractors to offer their employees up to seven days of paid sick leave per year.

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Courting unions, Obama pushes paid sick leave

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Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — President Barack Obama denounced Republicans for a “constant attack on working Americans” and said Monday he was using his executive power to force federal contractors to give paid sick leave to their employees.

Obama was met with resounding applause at a major union rally and breakfast in Boston when he said he had signed the executive order aboard Air Force One as he flew in to mark the U.S. holiday of Labor Day. He said Republicans who claim the mantle of middle-class protectors are talking big, but they “have to walk the walk.”

“You just wait, you look up at the sky and prosperity will come raining down on us from the top of whatever high-rise in New York City,” he said sarcastically. “But that’s not how the economy works.” He added that the Republican mindset has been “wrecking the economy for a long, long time.”

Roughly 44 million American private sector workers don’t get paid sick leave, the administration said. The White House said it couldn’t estimate how many federal contractors don’t offer paid leave.

The Labor Day gesture to workers’ groups came as Obama works to smooth over tensions over his trade

agenda with the labor movement, an important Democratic constituency. Major unions are opposing Obama’s push for sweeping new trade deals with Asia and Europe, with some

of paid leave for every 30 hours they work. Stretched out over 12 months, that’s up to seven days per year. The order will allow employees to use the leave to care for sick relatives as

to back that up.

Business groups said Obama’s order would make it harder for small businesses to retain federal contractors and could hinder economic

tions about whether to run for president in 2016.

In Boston, Obama was flanked by prominent Democrats such as Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who is popular among liberals, and a giant banner reading “Workers and Community” in red, white and blue. Labor leaders joined Obama for the flight on Air Force One. In the corridors of the hotel hosting the breakfast, boxes of campaign signs could be spotted bearing the name of longshot Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, who opposes the trade deals. Obama chose Labor Day to announce the executive order as he works to enact what workplace policies he can before his presidency ends despite resistance in Congress to laws he’s proposed. The push has reverberated on the 2016 campaign trail, with Democrats seeking a distinction with Republicans on who’s most supportive of the middle class.

The president didn’t mention any of the 2016 candidates by name, but invoked a number of their policies to challenge claims that they care about workers. In a reference to Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, he remarked that one Republican candidate had “said busting unions prepared him to fight ISIL,” an acronym for the Islamic State group. □



Greets people at Ye Olde Union Oyster House, Monday, Sept. 7, 2015, in Boston. Obama will sign an Executive Order requiring federal contractors to offer their employees up to seven days of paid sick leave per year.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

threatening to work against Democrats who voted to support those talks in Congress. Unions have warned that the deals could lead to the widespread job elimination. Obama has signed a law providing money to retrain workers if their jobs get shipped overseas.

Under the executive order, employees working on federal contracts gain the right to a minimum of one hour

well, and will affect contracts starting in 2017 — just as Obama leaves office.

But the White House wouldn’t specify the cost to federal contractors to implement the executive order. The Labor Department said any costs would be offset by savings that contractors would see as a result of lower attrition rates and increased worker loyalty, but produced nothing

growth.

Vice President Joe Biden echoed Obama’s theme in a march with an influential labor leader, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, who introduced Biden in Pittsburgh as a “brother” and “a champion of working men and working women.” A few along the parade route chanted “run, Biden, run,” in a reference to Biden’s ongoing delibera-

'Give it a go, Joe': Union crowd cheers on Biden

KEN THOMAS

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Hearing chants of "run Joe, run," Vice President Joe Biden

Rodham Clinton's lead diminish in early voting states. The vice president donned a black-and-gold United

Biden later walked along the city's downtown with a large contingent of steel workers, hearing encour-

maintained deep ties during their political careers.

Biden has run for president twice before, including in 2008, when he was outpaced by Clinton and President Barack Obama.

Biden said last week he wasn't certain if he and his family had the "emotional energy" for another campaign. When one man shouted that Biden should run for president, the vice president responded, "You gotta talk to my wife about that. I gotta talk to my wife about that." His wife, Jill Biden, is said to share some of her husband's misgivings about whether the family should pursue another presidential bid following the death of their 46-year-old son, Beau Biden.

An influential labor leader, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, said the vice president got a strong response from workers in the industrial city of Pittsburgh after walking the parade route with Biden.

"If you're looking for energy, this is a great place to get energy today," the labor leader said.

Clinton also sought union support on Labor Day during stops in Iowa and Illinois, vowing to fight for collective bargaining rights and to protect pension benefits and Social Security benefits for retirees. □

Shuttered resort in New Hampshire to host elections

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Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A shuttered hotel where the nation's first presidential primary ballots have been traditionally cast will once again host midnight voting in 2016, according to developers working to overhaul and expand the historic resort.

The nearly 150-year-old Balsams resort in Dixville Notch closed in September 2011, and its new owners are still waiting for environmental permits to move ahead with extensive restoration plans, which include a new hotel and conference center and a larger ski area. That has raised questions about the fate of the primary voting tradition, but project spokesman Scott Tranchemontagne said the goal is to have a portion of the resort's Dix House ready for the February primary. "The desire is to continue the tradition of voting first in the first-in-the-nation primary," he said. "We believe that it's important not only for Dixville but for all of the North Country and quite frankly, for the state of New Hampshire. This voting tradition in Dixville has garnered a great deal of attention for not only the Balsams but for the region and the state." If Dix House isn't ready, voting also could be held in Hale House, another building on the property that most recently served as the chef's quarters, he said.

"The beauty of the ballot room is that while it did have its dedicated location inside the Dix House, all the elements are mobile — the flags, the ballot boxes, the voting booths themselves, all the memorabilia — all that stuff has been preserved and has been in safekeeping for a few years," he said.

Dixville shares midnight voting with Hart's Location, a small town in the White Mountains that started the early voting tradition in 1948 to accommodate railroad workers who had to be at work before normal voting hours. □



Vice President Joe Biden puts on a United Steelworkers hat before he spoke to a crowd before he joined in the annual Labor Day parade on Monday, Sept. 7, 2015, in Pittsburgh.

(AP Photo/Ken Cedeno)

marched in a parade marking the U.S. holiday of Labor Day on Monday as speculation swirled about a potential late entry into the Democratic presidential campaign.

Biden is seriously considering one more run for the White House. His late entry into the race could jumble a Democratic contest that has seen front-runner Hillary

Steelworkers union hat and told hundreds of union members that the gap between the wealthy and poor was hurting Americans.

"The tax code's not fair. It's simply not fair," Biden said in a city long associated with organized labor. "The wealthy aren't paying their fair share. There used to be one America."

aging words along the parade route.

"Give it a go, Joe!" shouted one woman.

Underscoring the volatile nature of the race, an NBC News poll released Sunday showed longshot candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders gaining an advantage over Clinton in the key state of New Hampshire, where Bill and Hillary Clinton have

Clinton on email apology: 'What I did was allowed'

CATHERINE LUCEY

Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP)

— Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday she does not need to apologize for using a private email account and server while at the State Department because "what I did was allowed." In an interview with The Associated Press during a campaign swing through Iowa, which kicks off next year's state-by-state primary campaign, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination also said the lingering questions about her email practices while serving as President Barack Obama's top diplomat have not damaged her campaign

"Not at all. It's a distraction, certainly," Clinton said. "But it hasn't in any way affected the plan for our campaign, the efforts we're making to organize here in Iowa and elsewhere in the country. And I still feel very confident about the organization and the message that my campaign is putting out."

Yet even in calling the inquiry into how she used email as the nation's top diplomat a distraction, Clinton played down how it has affected her personally as a candidate.

"As the person who has been at the center of it, not very much," Clinton said. "I have worked really hard this summer, sticking to my

game plan about how I wanted to sort of reintroduce myself to the American people."

As she has often said in recent weeks, Clinton told AP it would have been a "better choice" for her to use separate email accounts for her personal and public business. "I've also tried to not only take responsibility, because it was my decision, but to be as transparent as possible," Clinton said.

Part of that effort, Clinton said, is answering any questions about her email "in as many different settings as I can." She noted she has sought for nearly a year to testify before Congress about the issue, and that

she is now slated to do so in October.

The one-on-one interview with the AP was the second for Clinton in the past four days. On Friday, she did not apologize for using a private email system when asked directly by NBC, "Are you sorry?" Asked Monday by the AP why she won't directly apologize, Clinton said: "What I did was allowed. It was allowed by the State Department. The State Department has confirmed that."

"I did not send or receive any information marked classified," Clinton said. "I take the responsibilities of handling classified materials very seriously and did so." □



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Violence mars New York's festive West Indian Day Parade

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The West Indian Day Parade, a rollicking, colorful celebration of Caribbean culture, music, style and food, rolled through New York City's streets Monday but, once again, was marred by pre-dawn violence that left one man dead and an aide to Gov. Andrew Cuomo in critical condition.

Cuomo identified his wounded staffer as Carey Gabay, a first deputy general counsel at the Empire State Development Corporation. Gabay was walking with his brother near the Brooklyn parade route at 3:40 a.m. when he was caught in the crossfire between two gangs, according to police officials.

A bullet struck Gabay, 43, in the head. Cuomo said Gabay, a Harvard-educated lawyer who had worked as an assistant counsel to the governor, and his wife are expecting their first child.

"I'm the governor of the state of New York, and there's not a thing I can do," Cuomo told reporters after he visited his staffer's family at Kings County Hospital. "There's not a thing I can say, and there's nothing I can do. And sometimes it just hurts."

No arrests have been made, police said. The shooting was one of several outbursts of violence in the neighborhoods surrounding the parade, which included the stabbing death of a 24-year-old man at 2 a.m. near Grand Army Plaza.

Bloodshed before or after the West Indian Day celebration has become a sadly familiar part of the parade routine. Last year, a recent parolee opened fire

into a crowd of revelers, killing one man and wounding several others. And in 2013, a 1-year-old boy sitting in his stroller was killed by a bullet meant for his father. Mayor Bill de Blasio and Police Commissioner William Bratton dismissed talk of scuttling the preparade festivities — which center on a surreal midnight march known as J'Ouvert — and said the New York Police Department was working with local leaders to make the event safer. There was a heavy police presence along the route, and several NYPD helicopters hovered overhead.

The parade went on as scheduled and drew hundreds of thousands of people to the stretch along Eastern Parkway. Throbbing basslines pulsed along the route, propelling outlandishly clad revelers to dance and those along the sidelines to bob their heads as they ate indigenous foods.

Politicians dotted the route, with de Blasio and his wife, Chirlane McCray, who is of Caribbean descent, drawing cheers as they waved flags and periodically dashed to the sidelines to shake hands and pose for selfies. But the parade was also the latest venue for New York's most high-profile political feud. The march and an official preparade breakfast were the first public events since July in which Cuomo and de Blasio, who are locked in a simmering dispute, were both supposed to attend. But their paths never crossed. Cuomo left the breakfast about 10 minutes before de Blasio arrived, and the two men, both Democrats, marched separately. □



Costumed participants dance as they make their way along Eastern Parkway in the Brooklyn borough of New York during the West Indian Day Parade, Monday Sept. 7, 2015.

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Kentucky clerk appeals her jailing over gay marriage

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LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP)

— Attorneys for the Kentucky county clerk who was jailed last week because of her refusal to issue marriage licenses to gay couples said Monday they have filed an emergency motion with a federal court that they hope will result in Kim Davis' freedom.

Davis' plight has reignited the gay marriage debate and the limits of religious freedom following the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide. Her imprisonment has inspired spirited protests from both sides in this small eastern Kentucky community known mostly as the home to Morehead State University.

The filing seeks to have Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear accommodate Davis' "religious conviction," and not compel her to grant licenses to gay couples, Liberty Counsel said in a statement.

"The motion requests an injunction pending appeal for an exemption from the Governor's mandate that all county clerks issue marriage licenses," said the statement by Liberty Counsel, which is representing



Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis, right, talks with David Moore at the Rowan County Courthouse in Morehead, Ky. Attorneys said Monday they have filed an emergency motion with a federal court that they hope will result in Davis' freedom. (AP Photo/Timothy D. Easley)

Davis.

The same injunction request was denied last month by U.S. District Judge David Bunning, who jailed Davis on Thursday.

Charla Bansley, communications director for Liberty Counsel, said Davis could be released from jail immediately if the motion were granted by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ordering Beshear to issue Davis an "accom-

modation" — allowing her to remove her name and title from official marriage certificates issued in Rowan County.

By doing that, Davis would not be sanctioning any same-sex unions and her conscience would be satisfied, they say.

"If there was an accommodation, she would be released (from jail) because she would no longer be in contempt," Bansley said.

On Sunday, about 30 protesters lined the sidewalk outside Bunning's home in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, carrying signs that read "Free Kim Davis." Fort Thomas Police Lt. Casey Kilgore said the group gathered around 2 p.m., and the protest lasted several hours. He said the group sang and waved their signs; they broke no laws and no one had been arrested. He did not know if Bunning was home.

Davis, an apostolic Christian, says gay marriage is a sin. She also says it would be a sin for her to issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple because the licenses are issued under her authority. She tried in vain to have state lawmakers change the law as a legal challenge to Kentucky's same-sex marriage ban wound its way through the federal appeals court. Davis stopped issuing all marriage licenses in June the day after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide. Two gay couples and two straight couples sued her. Judge Bunning ordered Davis to issue the licenses and the Supreme Court upheld his ruling.

But Davis still refused to do it, saying she could not betray her conscience or her God.

On Thursday, Bunning ruled Davis was in contempt of court for disobeying his order and sent her to jail. Her deputy clerks then issued marriage licenses to gay couples Friday with Davis behind bars.

Bunning indicated Davis will be in jail at least a week. She could stay longer if she continues to not obey the judge's order. □

Muslim flight attendant says she was wrongly suspended

MONTGOMERY, Alabama

(AP) — A Muslim flight attendant for ExpressJet says she was wrongly suspended from her job last month because she refused to serve alcohol to passengers, citing her religious beliefs.

Charee Stanley, a Detroit-based flight attendant for ExpressJet, filed a discrimination complaint Tuesday with the Equal Employment Opportunity Com-

mission.

The airline had agreed to give Stanley a religious accommodation, saying she could work out an arrangement with the other flight attendant on duty so they could serve alcohol instead. She was suspended only after a colleague complained, said Lena Masri, an attorney with the Michigan chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Stanley, 40, has worked for the Atlanta-based airline for nearly three years and during that time converted to Islam, Masri said. Stanley approached a supervisor in June after learning that her faith forbids not just consuming alcohol but also serving it.

When the co-worker complained, Stanley was put on unpaid leave for a year, Masri said.

"She was placed on un-

paid leave for following the instructions that ExpressJet airlines gave her," Masri said.

Masri claimed the complaint against Stanley was discriminatory, with the employee noting Stanley carried a book with "foreign writings" and wore a head scarf.

A spokeswoman for ExpressJet said in an emailed statement that the airline values diversity but could

not comment on specific personnel matters.

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Hundreds break past police near Hungary border, march north

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Associated Press

ROSZKE, Hungary (AP) —

Hundreds of angry and frustrated asylum-seekers broke through police lines Monday near Hungary's southern border with Serbia and began marching north toward Budapest, while Britain and France pledged to take in tens of thousands more refugees to try to ease the crisis.

As European leaders debated how to share responsibility for the more than 340,000 people from the Middle East, Africa and Asia who are already seeking refuge, Germany promised to spend billions of euros in extra aid for those already there and those yet to arrive. France weighed whether increased airstrikes against Islamic State militants would help to stem the flow of those fleeing Syria.

But the Hungarian prime minister scoffed at a proposed quota system for refugees in the 28-member European Union, saying it wouldn't work unless Europe first secured its borders.

Hungary's inability to control the flow of people across its southern border with Serbia was on graphic display Monday. Crowds who had grown tired of waiting for buses at Hungary's first migrant holding center near the border village of Roszke tore down flimsy police tape, advanced down a country road and walked around rows of police trying to block them. Officers offered no resistance as about half of the 500-strong crowd reached the M5 highway that connects Serbia and Hungary. They headed north along the shoulder, raising their arms and chanting "Germany! Germany!"

Police merely walked beside them as a lone helicopter monitored the marchers' progress north as darkness fell. The highway was blocked for nearly 50 kilometers (30 miles) as a precaution.

The move mirrored Friday's surge of people from Budapest toward Austria in a traffic-snarling tactic that forced Hungary to concede defeat and bus thousands to the Austrian border. Germany's rail company said Monday it had carried 22,000 asylum-seekers over the weekend on more than 100 trains, a number boosted by the fact that Hungary again has dropped visa checks on foreigners buying train tickets for the wealthier countries to the west, particularly Germany.

Following an overnight Cabinet meeting, Germany said it would set aside 6 billion euros (\$6.6 billion) to boost aid for asylum-seekers and hire 3,000 more federal police. It also planned to make it easier to build refugee housing and for non-German speakers to hold jobs.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel reflected on what she called "a moving, in some parts breathtaking weekend behind us," when Austria and Germany threw open their borders for thousands of asylum-seekers trying to get out of Hungary. She said all EU countries could help accommodate the families fleeing war and poverty.

Britain and France, seen as less generous than Germany so far, overcame reluctance and stepped up their commitments Monday. British Prime Minister David Cameron said his country would resettle up to 20,000 Syrians from camps in Turkey, Jordan and Syria over the next five years. □



Hungarian police officers surround a group of migrants and refugees on a road close to Hungary's border with Serbia, in Roszke, Hungary, Monday, Sept. 7, 2015. Several hundred Arabs, Asians and Africans tired of waiting for buses broke through Hungarian police lines near the Serbian border Monday and marched north on the main highway to Budapest as authorities once again demonstrated an inability to control the human tide passing through Hungary.

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Russian President Putin jockeying for deal with US on Syria



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, speaks during a meeting with his supporters in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Sept. 7, 2015.

(Mikhail Klimentyev/RIA-Novosti, via AP)

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MOSCOW (AP) — Signs of an ongoing Russian military buildup in Syria have drawn U.S. concerns and raised questions of whether Moscow plans to enter the conflict. President Vladimir Putin has been coy on the subject, saying Russia is

weighing various options, a statement that has fueled suspicions about the Kremlin's intentions. Observers in Moscow say the Russian maneuvering could be part of a plan to send troops to Syria to fight the Islamic State group in the hope of fixing fractured ties with the West. They

warn, however, that Putin would likely find it hard to sell his idea to a skeptical U.S. and risks potentially catastrophic repercussions if he opts for unilateral military action in Syria. By playing with the possibility of joining the anti-IS coalition, Putin may hope to win a few key concessions.

His main goal: the lifting of Western sanctions and the normalization of relations with the United States and the European Union, which have sunk to their lowest point since the Cold War amid the Ukrainian crisis. In addition, the Russian leader may be angling to make the West more receptive to Moscow's involvement in Ukraine, while retaining influence in Syria. Early this summer, the Kremlin put forward a peace plan for Syria that envisions enlisting Syrian government forces and Iran in the anti-IS coalition. A few rounds of negotiations with the Americans and Saudis have brought no visible results, and now Moscow appears to be testing the water for a next move: beefing up its military presence in Syria. While Putin said Friday there is no talk "just yet" about Russian troops joining the fight against the Islamic State, he seemed to keep the door open for the possibility, saying "we are

looking at various options." The Russian leader is set to attend the United Nations General Assembly later this month, and some analysts say a proposal to deploy troops to Syria could be the focal point of his visit. Since the Soviet times, Russia has had close political and military ties with Syria, which hosts a Russian navy facility in the Mediterranean port of Tartus intended to service and supply visiting ships. While the Soviet-era facility has just a couple of floating piers along with a few rusting repair shops and depots, it has symbolic importance as the last remaining Russian military outpost outside the former Soviet Union. Moscow has staunchly backed Syrian President Bashar Assad throughout the nation's 4 ½-year civil war, providing his regime with weapons and keeping military advisers in Syria. Putin said again Friday that Russia is providing the Syrian military with weapons and training. □

German intelligence has evidence IS used mustard gas in Iraq

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BERLIN (AP) — Germany's foreign intelligence agency BND has collected evidence of mustard gas use by the Islamic State group. German daily Bild reported Monday that BND intelligence agents collected blood samples from Kurds who were injured in clashes with IS. It quoted BND chief Gerhard Schindler as saying that the agency has "information that IS used mus-

tard gas in northern Iraq." Schindler told the paper that the mustard gas either came from old Iraqi stockpiles produced under Saddam Hussein's rule or was manufactured by IS after it seized the University of Mosul. A senior German intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly, confirmed the comments attributed to Schindler. He declined to

confirm that the BND collected blood samples or discuss the agency's methods. U.S. Defense Department spokeswoman Cmdr. Elissa Smith said "while we will not comment on intelligence or operational matters, let us be clear: any use by any party ... of a chemical as a weapon of any kind is an abhorrent act. "Given the alleged behavior of ISIL and other such groups in the region, any such flagrant disregard for international standards

and norms is reprehensible," Smith said, using an alternative name for the militant group. Activists said last month that IS attacked the northern Syrian town of Marea with poisonous gas although it was not clear if chemical weapons were used. Doctors Without Borders said that four patients exhibiting symptoms of exposure to chemical agents were treated at a hospital run by international medical organization in north-

ern Syria on Aug. 21. It said the parents and their two daughters, arrived at a hospital run by the group one hour after the attack, suffering from respiratory difficulties, inflamed skin, red eyes, and conjunctivitis and their conditions worsened later. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Turkey-based activist Abu al-Hassan Marea said it wasn't independently confirmed if the attack was with chemical agents. □

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Gulf stiffens determination in wake of troop deaths in Yemen

ADAM SCHRECK
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A deadly attack late last week on soldiers from oil-rich Gulf states deployed in Yemen as part of a Saudi-led coalition fighting the country's Shiite rebels may well have been designed to break the coalition's will. If that was the aim, it backfired.

Instead, the killing of dozens of troops — most of them from the United Arab Emirates — has upended much of the ambiguity about the U.S.-backed coalition's boots-on-the-ground role in Yemen and is prompting the alliance to intensify what has effectively become a proxy war against Iran. In the eyes of many across the Sunni-ruled Gulf states, Yemen — with its Iranian-backed Houthis — has become a key battleground in a Middle Eastern twist on the Cold War domino theory: if Iran cannot be checked in Yemen, the thinking goes, it could ramp up the pressure in Shiite-majority Bahrain and elsewhere in the region. The missile assault on Friday struck an ammunition depot in the Yemeni province of Marib, about 120 kilometers (75 miles) east of the capital, Sanaa. Hardest hit in the attack was the UAE, a federation of seven states that includes Dubai and the oil-rich capital, Abu Dhabi, which lost 45 soldiers. Ten Saudis were killed in the blast too. Bahrain also lost five soldiers, though it was not clear if they were killed in the same incident.

Emirati fighter planes have responded to the attack by pounding positions and arms caches used by Iranian-backed Shiite rebels known as Houthis — reb-

els that the Gulf states see as little more than tools of Tehran. Iran supports the Houthis politically but denies arming them.

The Gulf nation of Qatar significantly ramped up its involvement in the conflict on Monday, deploying about 1,000 ground troops backed by armored vehicles and Apache helicopters, according to Yemeni officials and the Qatar-based Al Jazeera television. Qatar neither confirmed nor denied its role.

"Our armed forces ... are more resolved and determined to liberate Yemen and flush out the scum after the tragic incident," Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the powerful Abu Dhabi crown prince and deputy supreme commander of the UAE armed forces, assured visiting Yemeni President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi after the attack.

Radio stations across the UAE have replaced their usual upbeat fare with Quranic recitations and classical music to mark three days of mourning commemorating the unprecedented war loss —



In this Monday, Sept. 7, 2015 photo taken during a media tour, wounded Emirati soldier Mohammed al-Balooshi rests on his bed at the Zayed Military Hospital in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. For many in the Gulf, Yemen, with its Iranian-backed Shiite rebels, has become a key battleground in a Middle Eastern twist on the Cold War domino theory: if Iran cannot be checked in Yemen, it could ramp up pressure in the Shiite-majority Bahrain and elsewhere on the Arabian Peninsula.

(AP Photo)

an honor typically reserved for the country's top leaders. Sheikh Mohammed and other top government officials visited families of killed soldiers. Outside medical clinics, Emirati men in traditional white garments known as thobes have been lining up to give blood for those still recover-

ing from the attack.

The managing editor of the widely read UAE daily Gulf News, Mohammed Almezal, suggested in an op-ed that the deaths were a "Pearl Harbor moment" that will strengthen the Emirates' determination in Yemen. He described the fight as "part of a strate-

gic decision to defend and preserve the security and stability of the Gulf strategic hemisphere."

"The cowardly attack in Marib will not intimidate the Arab coalition into abdicating its responsibility of defending justice and supporting the right of the Yemeni people," he wrote. □

Officials:

Iraqi defense minister unharmed in sniper attack

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's defense minister escaped a sniper attack north of Baghdad unharmed Monday, officials said, though one of his guards was wounded in the shooting near Islamic State-controlled territory.

The attack targeted Defense Minister Khaled al-Obeidi as he traveled in a convoy near the contested oil refinery town of Beiji, a ministry statement said.

One guard was wounded, the statement said, without elaborating.

The Islamic State group holds about a third of Iraq and neighboring Syria in its self-declared "caliphate." Beiji, home to the country's biggest refinery, has been under near-constant assault since Islamic State militants swept into Iraq last year, though authorities said they liberated the town in November.

A U.S.-led coalition is con-

ducting airstrikes to target the Islamic State group across both Syria and Iraq. In Syria, activists said Islamic State militants captured the Jazal oil field late Sunday after intense clashes with government forces in the area in the central province of Homs. Syria-based activist Bebars al-Talawy said via Skype that Islamic State fighters first attacked army posts around the Jazal field, then stormed the field.

Rami Abdurrahman, who heads the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said Monday that all the engineers working in the field moved to the nearby government-controlled Shaer gas field. He said government troops withdrew from the field but now overlook parts of it. Islamic State fighters control much of Syria's oil fields that are mostly in the eastern regions bordering Iraq. □

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Bangkok bombing suspect tells police he's 'guilty'

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Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — A key suspect in last month's deadly Bangkok bombing was transferred Monday to police custody after a week of military interrogation, and was asked to acknowledge the charge against him before police and the media.

As cameras recorded in the packed room, police introduced an unusual twist to the routine by asking the suspect whether or not he was guilty of the charge of co-possession of illegal explosives, as stated in his arrest warrant.

The suspect, identified by police as Yusufu Mierili, responded through a translator: "Guilty."

Authorities have previously released a variety of spellings of his name, including Mieraili Yusufu and Yusufu Meerailee.

It was not clear whether the apparent confession would carry legal weight in a court.

Mierili, who was arrested last Tuesday near the Thai-Cambodia border, has not yet been formally charged. Police say they found his DNA or fingerprints in two apartments that were raided a week ago by police on the outskirts of Bangkok, including a container of gunpowder. Police say both apartments contained bomb-making ma-



Security officials escort Bangkok bombing suspect, center, arrested last week near the border with Cambodia and identified by Thai police as Yusufu Meerailee or Mieraili Yusufu with his nationality remained unconfirmed, as they transfer him from military to police custody in Bangkok, Thailand, Monday, Sept. 7, 2015.

(AP Photo/Sakchai Lalit)

terials, and one had more than 200 fake Turkish passports.

The Aug. 17 blast at the Erawan Shrine killed 20 people and injured more than 120 in one of the most devastating acts of violence in Bangkok in decades.

Thai authorities have suggested that at least two of the suspects are possibly Turkish, boosting a theory that the bombing was to avenge Thailand's forced repatriation of more than 100 ethnic Uighurs to China in July.

Uighurs (pronounced WEE-

gurs) are related to Turks, and Turkey is home to a large Uighur community.

Mierili's nationality has not been confirmed, but police say he was carrying a Chinese passport that indicated he was from the western region of Xinjiang, home to the Turkish-speaking Uighurs.

Police said last week that Mierili was suspected of being a conspirator rather than the bomber, who was seen in security videos placing a knapsack at the open-air shrine and then leaving.

Another suspect, who was arrested Aug. 29 at one of the two apartments police raided, was in possession of a fake Turkish passport when arrested, police say. That man, whom police have identified as Adem Karadak, was transferred to police custody Friday after nearly a week in military custody.

Thai authorities have said they would turn over the two passports to the relevant embassies to confirm their authenticity once forensics testing is completed. □

Koreas meet to make plans for family reunions

HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— North and South Korea started talks at a border village Monday on resuming the reunions of families separated by the Korean War in the early 1950s, Seoul officials said.

The talks among the rivals' Red Cross officials at Panmunjom were made possible after the Koreas struck a deal last month that eased animosity that saw them threatening war. The standoff flared after a mine explosion blamed on Pyongyang maimed two South Korean soldiers.

The highly emotional reunions have not happened since early last year. Most applicants are in their 70s or older and desperate to see their loved ones before they die.

Many Koreans don't even know whether relatives on the other side of the border are still alive because their governments mostly ban the exchange of letters, phone calls or emails.

The planned reunions are not a sure thing. The rivals have a long history of failing to follow through on reconciliation efforts.

Some foreign analysts remain skeptical about inter-Korean ties because of speculation that North Korea will fire what it calls a satellite to celebrate next month's 70th birthday of its ruling party. Similar past launches triggered an international standoff as South Korea and other neighboring countries called them disguised tests for long-range missiles.

About 22,500 Koreans had participated in brief reunions — 18,800 in person and the others by video — during a period of detente. □

Lightning kills 22 people in southeastern India

HYDERABAD, India (AP) —

Lightning has killed 22 people, mostly farm laborers working in fields, across the southeastern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, officials said Monday.

The fatalities occurred Sunday evening when thunderstorms and rain lashed eight districts in Andhra

Pradesh, said N. Chandrababu Naidu, the state's chief minister.

Two women's cricket teams had a narrow escape when lightning struck a tree on the grounds where they were playing in Guntur town, said Sitapati, a district cricket official.

"It was a miraculous es-

cape for the players and the people at the grounds," said Sitapati, who goes by one name.

A tree caught fire after it was hit by a lightning bolt, and the deafening sound that followed led players and spectators to flee the grounds in panic, he said. Lightning strikes are com-

mon during India's monsoon season, which runs from June to September. However, Sunday's toll was unusually high.

Weather officials in the Andhra Pradesh state capital of Hyderabad said a low pressure system over the Bay of Bengal led to heavy downpours. □



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Syrian refugees protest because they want to leave Uruguay



Syrian refugees gather outside the government house at Independence Square, in Montevideo, Uruguay, Monday, Sept. 7, 2015. Some members of a group of Syrian refugees who were welcomed to Uruguay last year are staging a protest outside the government house, demanding authorities allow them to leave the South American country. They say local officials promised more than they could deliver and that Uruguay is expensive and there are no jobs.
(AP Photo/Matilde Campodonico)


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Associated Press
MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay
(AP) — Five families of Syrian refugees welcomed to Uruguay last year protested outside the presidency building on Monday demanding that authorities let them leave the South American country. Uruguay welcomed the 42 Syrian refugees fleeing civil war in October 2014. The members of the families now say that local officials promised more than they could deliver. They said Uruguay is expensive and there are no jobs. "There's no future for us here. The government's aid plan lasts two years and one has passed by," Ibrahim Al Mohammed, the head of one of the families told The Associated Press. "I work at a hospital and my salary is small, 11,000 pesos (about \$380). I have a wife and three young sons. What will I do to earn a living when the help runs out?" Maher Aldees, the head of another family, says he wants to travel

to Syria or Lebanon, and that he and his relatives will continue protesting outside the presidential offices until authorities take them to the airport. The Aldees family returned to Montevideo a week ago after attempting to travel abroad. They spent 20 days in the airport in Istanbul, Turkey, where their documents were not accepted. "They told us Uruguay was something else, and they lied to us," Maheer Aldes said. His family was living in the coastal city of Piriapolis. Local authorities had issued a complaint against the parents accusing them of not sending their daughters to school. Authorities later said the issue was solved. The head of Uruguay's Human Rights Secretariat, Javier Miranda, told the AP that the concerns partly stemmed from the frustration felt by the family after their trip was cut short. "I understand them. They realize that leaving Uruguay is very hard and that creates a great deal of insecurity," Miranda said.

"But the travel document that Uruguay gave them is valid. What we can't do is force third countries to accept it, because it's out of our reach." The Ashebli family, arrived outside the presidency building with suitcases and bags carrying their belongings, and said they would remain until their demands are met. They traveled from Juan Lacaze, a small Uruguayan city some 75 miles (120 kilometers) west of Montevideo. "They told us a lot of things that never came true," said Ibrahim Ashebli. "They told

us this country was cheap, and it's expensive. Money is not enough. There's no work." Miranda defended the refugee program, saying that Uruguay hoped that the Syrians could have a dignified life. He acknowledged that Uruguay is an expensive country, but said the job offers are the same for everyone and that the aid cannot extend beyond two years. Under former President Jose Mujica, Uruguay initially agreed to receive a total of 120 Syrian refugees. Foreign Minister Rodolfo Nin Novoa has said that a sec-

ond group of seven families will arrive later this year and has rejected criticism by some Uruguayans who say their country should not receive more refugees. President Tabare Vazquez, who took power in March, said in his inaugural speech that a "profound analysis" was necessary before Uruguay decides whether to receive more Syrian refugees. Since civil war broke out in Syria in 2011, more than 4 million Syrians have sought refuge abroad, the largest number from any crisis in almost 25 years, the United Nations has said. □





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Brazil president admits 'mistakes,' pledges to overcome them

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Be-leaguered Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff has acknowledged that her government may have made some errors but is pledging it will get past them. In an address marking Brazil's independence day on Monday, Rousseff said that part of the South American giant's financial woes were caused by spending on social programs by her government and that of her predecessor and mentor, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

"It we have made mistakes, and it's possible, we are going to overcome them," Rousseff said. "What I want to say, with all frankness, is that we are confronting the challenges, these difficulties, and we are going to make it." But she also blamed the financial woes on the economic situation abroad, particularly flagging growth in emerging countries. "No one who is being honored can deny it," she said. Rousseff's popularity ratings

have sunk to single digits in recent months amid Brazil's economic slowdown and a snowballing corruption scandal at state-run oil giant. Several politicians close to Rousseff, as well as top figures in her governing Workers' Party and opposition lawmakers, have been caught up in the scandal. She has denied any knowledge of the scheme. Rousseff seized on the independence day military parade in the capital, Brasilia, to display a united front

with her vice president, Michel Temer, with the pair standing shoulder-to-shoulder. Earlier this week, Temer suggested that Rousseff would be unable to survive to the end of her mandate in 2018 if her popularity ratings remain low. Temer, who is from a party crucial to Rousseff's governing coalition, later downplayed the comments, saying they were taken out of context. Meanwhile, anti-government protesters demand-

ing Rousseff's impeachment or resignation demonstrated in Brasilia, deploying inflatable satirical floats that featured Rousseff in red and Silva in prison stripes. Similar demonstrators have been staged sporadically since the beginning of this year, though they've failed to attract the massive crowds that took to the streets in 2013, angry over lavish spending on last year's World Cup soccer tournament. □

Guatemala's presidential election appears headed to runoff

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GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — A former television comic was heading for a runoff with either a wealthy businessman or a former first lady in voting for Guatemala's next president, days after the Central American nation's leader resigned over a corruption scandal. With nearly 98 percent of polling stations reporting Monday, comedian Jimmy Morales, who has never held elective office, was leading with 24 percent of the vote. Businessman and longtime politician Manuel Baldizon and ex-first lady Sandra Torres were in a tie, each with about 19.6 percent. Baldizon led Torres by less than 1,500 votes among more than 5 million votes cast. The top two finishers in the field of 14 will ad-



Television comedian and presidential candidate for the National Front of Convergence party Jimmy Morales, flashes the victory sign for photographers during a press conference at his party headquarters in Guatemala City. Morales appears to be heading for a runoff with either a wealthy businessman or a former first lady in voting for Guatemala's next president.

(AP Photo/Luis Soto)

vance to a runoff to be held Oct. 25. Luis Fernando Mack, a professor at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences in Guatemala, said the electoral

tribunal has a delicate situation on its hands and important decisions to make to resolve the fight for second place. "The fight will be fierce, they're going to

fight for every vote," Mack said. Analyst Christians Castillo said Morales' surprising performance was a sign of voter discontent, "a vote of punishment" against more

traditional candidates. The candidates in Sunday's election faced an uncomfortable challenge: trying to win votes in a nation where former President Otto Perez Molina remains in court custody awaiting a decision on whether he will be tried on graft charges. Most of the candidates were old-guard figures picked to run before energized prosecutors backed by a mass anti-corruption movement toppled Perez Molina's administration. Many voters were so skeptical that they campaigned for the election itself to be postponed to give them a new crop of choices. Morales boasted of his outsider status and said he is part of the uprising against corruption. He has promised greater transparency, including media review of government contracts. □

Mexican government affirms that students burned at dump

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's attorney general's office remained convinced on Monday that many of the 43 students who disappeared in 2014 were killed and incinerated at a garbage dump, one day after an independent experts' report said it did not happen. Tomas Zeron, the director of its criminal investigation agency, said there could have been errors in the investigation but they remain

confident in the forensic science and the conclusion, adding that 100 investigators were involved. "We can't be wrong," Zeron said on Enfoque Radio Monday. Zeron's office has been one of the principal actors in the investigation of the students' disappearance Sept. 26, 2014, in the southern state of Guerrero. Francisco Cox, one of the experts on the independent commission sent by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, told Milenio television that

it is possible the students were burned elsewhere, but not at the dump. On Sunday, just hours after the report was released, Attorney General Arely Gomez said she would order a new examination of what happened at the dump. The independent experts' report dismantled the government's long-held official version and found numerous problems in the investigation. Parents of the students have long refused to accept the government's version.

Only one student was successfully identified from a bone fragment that the government said was thrown with other remains reduced to ash into a river. The independent experts hired their own fire expert to study the scene. He concluded that it was not possible that a fire of the magnitude necessary to reduce the bodies to ash occurred at the dump. The experts' report put forward another possible motive for the attack that one of the buses the students

seized in Iguala was carrying a drug load. The city is a known hub for opium paste coming out of surrounding mountains. President Enrique Pena Nieto said Monday that he was willing to meet with the students' parents and the independent experts. "I want to know the truth," he said at an event in the central state of Puebla. The Mexican government has agreed to extend the experts' term so they can conclude their investigation. □



Aruba's Windsurfing Champion: PWA Plays 'Summer Catchup' with Sarah-Quita Offringa

--SQ Offringa picks up incredible 8th freestyle world title and remains firmly in the hunt for top honours in the slalom and waves.

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PWA Press

ORANJESTAD (PWAP) - In July Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / NeilPryde / Mystic / Maui Ultra Fins) collected her 8th PWA Freestyle World Championship in a row - remaining unbeaten yet again - and proving that she is still the undisputed Queen of the Freestyle World. However, having finished her studies last year, SQ has set her targets across all three disciplines for 2015 and with one world title already in the bag, she's hungry for more and prominently placed to do just that. After a great start to the year and with the potential to make a great year and incredible year - we caught up with SQ for a catchup after a busy summer season - mainly in the Canaries. Read the interview below:

PWA: Yo SQ... you've had a busy few months in the Canaries and it looks like you've had a great summer. First off congrats for defending your freestyle world crown in Fuerte again - how was it for you?

SQO: "Awo! Yes it's been a



long stretch competing in 4 events in a row. The cherry on top definitely was winning my 8th freestyle world title. Fuerte was the only real stressful event for me. I don't know why. Maybe because we'd only have one chance and then you either win or lose. I think I really wanted the title badly. In the end I sailed some of my dream heats and was satisfied with my performance."

PWA: You still look like you are effortlessly in control - and more importantly still unbeaten - but it looks like a few of the girls are starting to push their level - particularly Oda and Maaïke - Do you enjoy seeing the level

being pushed and what do you think about the level?

SQO: "Yeah! A lot of the girls have definitely made good progress. And all I can say is that I'm extremely excited about it! I know there a lot more girls out there with a high level, but they just can't display it because Fuerte is a difficult spot to sail at. Sure that shouldn't be an excuse, but that goes for the men as well. Some of the top guys don't perform as well there as opposed to compared to starboard orientated or flatwater spots. Anyway, I think we all put up a good show. And it was great to have that many girls in a while. I'm going to

try as hard as I can to keep it from happening but by all means I hope someone comes and gives me a butt whooping! Because I know that then I would do everything I could to improve and top that person again. This would be good for the overall Women's level to go up."

PWA: After Fuerte you backed up your 3rd place in Pozo in the waves with 4th in Tenerife... you sit 3rd overall for the moment - what is your target for the waves this year?

SQO: "Boooooom! 3rd in Pozo was a treat. I had just learned pushloops and I think that just gave me the

edge to finish 3rd because I know I still need to work a lot on my waveriding. After Pozo my goal was also top 3 in Tenerife so I was slightly disappointed when I didn't make it. Simply because I'm a competitor and want to finish as high as possible. But I feel like I improved a lot there and got a boost to practice even more. My aim for this year is to finish 3rd overall in waves. I'm on the right track, but I have to keep it together for the next events!"

PWA: You're back competing in every discipline... how are you finding that?

SQO: "It's quite the challenge actually. I mean, I realised that I love windsurfing in general. So I genuinely enjoy competing in all the disciplines. But mentally it's a bit hard to switch between the disciplines. Mostly because the setup of the equipment is completely different between disciplines. Try going from a quad board that has a lot of grip to a freestyle board with a 16cm fin that doesn't seem to go in a straight line. Catapults are guaranteed. Or going from wave and freestyle gear to a 7.8m Slalom sail where the trimming has to be perfect."

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My shin muscles and forearms always feel like they're about to explode after not sailing slalom for a while, it's physically much heavier."

"Anyway, I wouldn't be doing all of this if I didn't like the challenge. Besides, now I get to hang out with all the different riders of the PWA and go to a lot of nice places. So it's all on me!"

PWA: So, back to the final discipline - slalom... In Turkey you weren't quite in your usual killer SQ groove to begin with... what did you put that down to?

SQO: "That's funny! In slalom I'm actually known to have bad starts at events and getting better as the races progressed. It is true however that I've had really consistent races in Turkey for the past 2 years. But honestly I think I wasn't in the right state of mind. I was a bit tired from the Canaries I think. And when the red flag went up I didn't make that switch to competition mode in my mind. I wasn't focused and couldn't get any of my starts right. Also due to the light wind. I tend to mistime my starts. So I started about 5 seconds late twice. I passed the first round, but didn't in the second. As a result I started closer to the line in the losers round, but caught a gust and went over early."

PWA: You then produced a perfect comeback... We usually see you celebrating with big smiles and cheers, but in Turkey

this one looked like a more emotional victory... would that be true?

SQO: "Yeah it was. I was sitting in 15th after that over early, which I wouldn't be to bothered about if there were more races to come. However, the wind predictions were quite depressing. All I wanted was a chance to fight back."

"I did well and finished 1st two times in one day. But it would all come down to

last race, this time around I was focused on the prize. I decided that if I wanted it, that I should make it happen. I had the best start of my week. And everything went smooth from there."

"That week was a mental battle with myself to keep the nerves in check, stay focused, positive. Focusing on the goal which was finishing on the podium. It was the comeback I dreamed of and actually making that happen was crazy. So,

a very challenging place and anything could still happen. For the moment I have to focus on waves again for Germany and France. Ideally... If France turns out to be Starboard tack like it was last year it would be better for me. But I accept any challenge and will do my best regardless. I do want that slalom title and I really want to finish 3rd in waves. But they won't be handed to me and I'm gonna have to put

the best images we got were from Iceland though. Just because it's not the typical surroundings you'd expect for a windsurfing movie. And it really is breathtaking. Sorry if I'm not smiling all the time in the images.. I was cold :P." "Besides that we're also adding a Turkey part. Both the producer Julian and I love this place and believe it's world class for windsurfing combined with friendly people and great food!"



the last day. Whether we got that discard or not. The wind was playing games and it could have all ended at the 3rd race. Where I'd have to settle for 6th. Or we'd get a discard and I could make my way onto the podium to keep my World title hopes alive."

"By the time we started racing it was really the end of the day and our last chance to get the discard. I had already gone through a whole roller-coaster of emotions. But once we were up for the

yeah I got emotional a bit there hehehe."

PWA: You're in the ideal position heading into the final slalom event of the year in NC to recapture your racing title... and it looks like you're going to be heavily involved in the battle for the podium places in the waves... how's the rest of the year shaping up for you and how are feeling?

SQO: "Yes ! I'm in the best position possible for slalom. But New Caledonia is

the work in. Time will tell!"

PWA: Finally, you've been working on the Curly Gem, out of the destinations you visited which would say was your favourite? And when's the premier?

SQO: "Yes Cabeibusha 'the curly gem' will be premiered in Sylt on the 2nd and 3rd of October."

"Australia and Iceland were the 2 destinations I had never been to. Both were tough but worth it in the end. In hindsight I think

PWA: Thanks SQ - congrats again on Freestyle world title No.8 - and good luck for the rest of the year.

Sarah-Quita tells us she has just released the trailer for her new movie - Cabeibusha - The Curly Gem.

"We've been working on Cabeibusha for the past eight months. In the past, windsurfing movies focused mostly on action. With this movie we hope to give the viewer a taste of the lifestyle of a windsurfer." "We're taking you with us to explore Australia and Iceland and you'll see what life on tour is like. Through it all, Aruba will play the main role. Hope you guys like the trailer by Broken Bloke Productions!" "We are still looking for funds, so we can finalise the movie. So when you have time. Please head over to our crowdfunding page."

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Granddaughter of Former Public Works Department Director Seeks Her Roots in Aruba



ORANJESTAD – Lieke Raspeis the granddaughter of Lijele de Hoop who was the director of the Public Works Department from 1944 to 1949. The de Hoop family was our neighbor in the building on the Lagoen Weg (now Caya Mario Harms) across the lagoon where the gover-

nor's house has recently been renovated with a completely new design. The building now houses the government's Accountants Service. Lieke, a stewardess with KLM, is currently vacationing with her husband Cees, a retired KLM B747-400 pilot. While in Aruba, at the request of her mother Martha, she would look for information about her Mom's one-time stomping grounds. At the library, the first place where she went for information, as soon as she mentioned that her family had lived in the Lagoen area, the attendant told her about me and the book ("Stories by the kid from Lagoen") that I had written about my youth in that area. This is how we got connected. Lieke and Cees are fascinated by our island. They had been here before, as

KLM crew members, never together and only for overnight stays. They are in love with the Renaissance Island and the center of Oranjestad. Sunday, over a long breakfast at the Matthews restaurant, I had to answer many questions about Aruba, its history, its tourism and about people and places whose names Martha had written down. As when I met a former neighbor last year after 70 years, Sunday morning's meeting evoked beautiful memories that had been buried in the deepest of my consciousness. As I too have done a lot of traveling by plane, I was happy to get Cees to explain in detail many technicalities and policies of the airline industry that have fascinated me. Of course all three of us had many stories to tell, and we spent much time exchanging an-



ecdotes about flying, scary experiences and places visited. But every time we wound up talking again about our island.

If anyone reading this article remembers Martha de Hoop as a child, please contact me at: clyde-harms@yahoo.com. ☐

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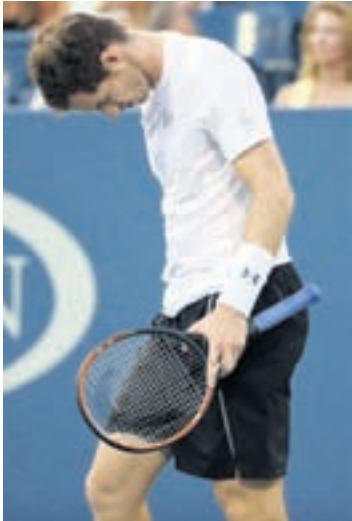
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Andy Murray, of the United Kingdom, reacts after losing a point to Kevin Anderson, of South Africa, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 7, 2015, in New York. Associated Press

Murray's major QF streak ends with U.S. Open loss to Anderson

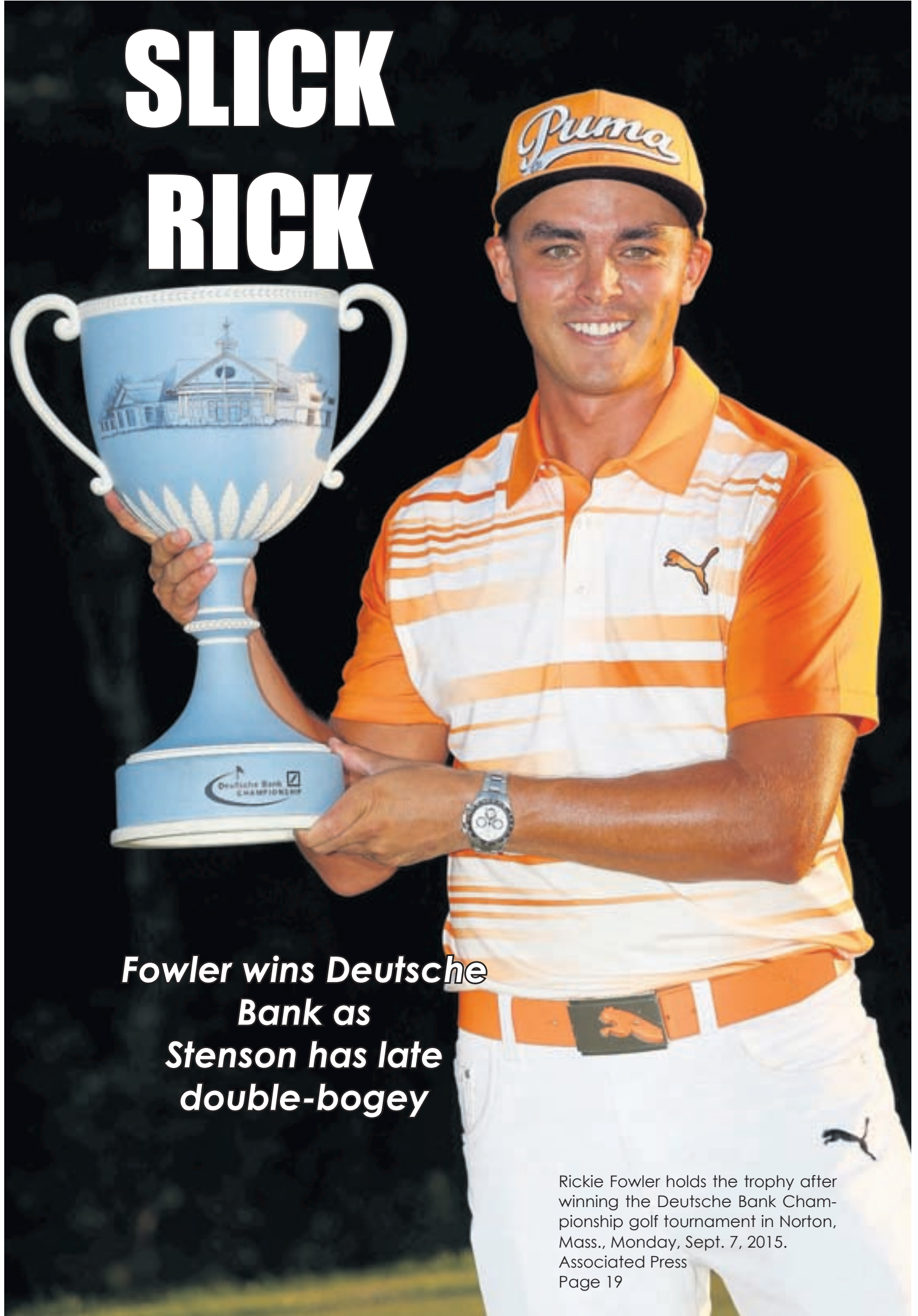
HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Murray watched a 130 mph ace zoom by to create a two-set deficit at the U.S. Open, and then sat in his changeover chair and cursed at himself, over and over and over.

A little later, Murray cracked his racket against the court once, breaking the frame, and went to the sideline and mangled his equipment even more, before meandering over to hand it to someone in the stands.

Often able to spur himself by letting out some anger, the two-time Grand Slam title winner only briefly managed to get into this match. The third-seeded Murray lost before the quarterfinals at a major for the first time since 2010, beaten 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (0) by 15th-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa in the fourth round at Flushing Meadows on Monday.

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SLICK RICK

Fowler wins Deutsche Bank as Stenson has late double-bogey

Rickie Fowler holds the trophy after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass., Monday, Sept. 7, 2015. Associated Press
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Murray's Mayor

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For the 6-foot-8 (2.03-meter) Anderson, known mainly for a booming serve but terrific off the ground in this 4-hour, 18-minute victory, it marked a real breakthrough: He entered with an 0-7 record in fourth-round matches at majors, including when he had a two-set lead against Novak Djokovic before losing at Wimbledon two months ago.

This time, Anderson held it together, with the help of 25 aces and 81 total winners.

"I'm a little lost for words right now," the 29-year-old Anderson said. "I just managed to keep my composure throughout."

Murray, meanwhile, heads home much earlier than usual.

He had reached at least the quarters at his previous 18 Grand Slam tournaments, a streak that included championships at the U.S. Open in 2012 and Wimbledon in 2013, along with four runner-up finishes. Adept at comebacks — in the second round, he recorded his eighth victory in a match after dropping the opening two sets — Murray did push Anderson to a fourth set, but that was the extent of the rally this time.

While Murray continued trying to rile up himself — and the crowd — as the fourth set carried on, even reaching over to slap the extended palm of a front-row spectator, Anderson limited his signs of emotion to one uppercut after winning one point by tracking down a lob and conjuring up a sky-hook winner from the baseline.

And he was perfect at the end, hitting one ace at 135 mph, another at 138 mph, while Murray couldn't get

his strokes to land where he wanted them to.

"I wish," Anderson said, "I could play every tiebreak like that."

In Anderson's first major quarterfinal, he will face yet another two-time major champion, Stan Wawrinka, who eliminated 68th-ranked American Donald Young 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Another quarterfinal matchup was to be determined later Monday, when No. 2 Roger Federer faced No. 13 John Isner, the last American man in the tournament, while No. 6 Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic met No. 12 Richard Gasquet of France. Berdych and Gasquet were scheduled to play each other in Louis Armstrong Stadium after Murray vs. Anderson finished, so they were not able to get on court until after 9 p.m.

Two women's quarterfinals will be No. 2 Simona Halep of Romania against No. 20 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, and No. 5 Petra Kvitova against No. 26 Flavia Pennetta of Italy.

Azarenka has won two Australian Open titles and twice was the runner-up at the U.S. Open. Kvitova has won Wimbledon twice. Halep was the runner-up at last year's French Open. And Pennetta? Well, she is into her sixth U.S. Open quarterfinal in the last seven years.

Pennetta was a 6-4, 6-4 winner against 2011 champion Sam Stosur, the last woman to beat Serena Williams at Flushing Meadows. Kvitova moved into her first quarterfinal in New York, a place she freely admits is too noisy and busy for her liking, by defeating British qualifier Johanna Konta 7-5, 6-3.

Azarenka eliminated 46th-ranked American Varvara Lepchenko 6-3, 6-4 while wearing gauze wrapped



Kevin Anderson, of South Africa, returns a shot to Andy Murray, of the United Kingdom, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 7, 2015, in New York.

Associated Press

around both biceps. Why? Calling the reason "so weird" and "really a little bit embarrassing," Azarenka said the skin on the inside of both arms was bothered

by rubbing against her top. Halep overcame a left thigh problem that caused her to limp around at times in the last set of her 6-7 (6), 7-5, 6-2 victory over

24th-seeded Sabine Lisicki of Germany. Lisicki, who reached the final at Wimbledon in 2013, ceded 72 points via unforced errors and was broken 10 times. □

Rodriguez take lead of Vuelta, Schleck wins 16th stage

ERMITA DE ALBA, Spain (AP) — Joaquim Rodriguez took over the lead of the Spanish Vuelta after a grueling 16th stage won by Frank Schleck of Luxembourg in the northern mountains on Monday.

Schleck shed fellow escapee Rodolfo Torres on the final of seven climbs before finishing atop the special-category peak at Ermita de Alba in 5 hours, 49 minutes, 56 seconds.

"I had forgotten about the general classification and winning this stage makes it worth it," said the 35-year-old Schleck, who has two career stage wins at the Tour de France.

Rodriguez also attacked on the last uphill push of the 185-kilometer (114.9-mile) stage to turn a one-second deficit into a one-second lead over Italian Fabio Aru, who ceded him the red leader's jersey.

"The pace was horrendous and that left me with doubts until I could get some air on the hardest part of the climb and with the little I had left I went for it," Rodriguez said.

Tom Dumoulin, the Dutch time-trial specialist, stuck with the climbers for a third straight day and could shoot for the red leader's jersey in the only individual time trial of the three-week

race on Wednesday. Tuesday is a rest day.

Polish rider Rafal Majka also remained in contention in third place at 1 minute, 35 seconds back. Dumoulin only dropped behind Rodriguez and the small group of the hardest riders over the last kilometer, falling to 1 minute, 51 seconds behind.

Despite taking the lead, Rodriguez stuck with his prediction that Dumoulin would take the red jersey away from him after the time trial.

"It's very tough because he looks good, loose, better than yesterday," Rodriguez said about Dumoulin. "□"

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Rickie Fowler rallies to win Deutsche Bank

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NORTON, Mass. (AP) — Rickie Fowler delivered all the right shots Monday at the Deutsche Bank Championship, and then he delivered some champagne. He stood near the wood railing overlooking a dozen rows of reporters, hoisting an empty bottle in one hand and a microphone in the other.

"Let's finish off the year right," Fowler said.

He certainly showed he is capable after a tense duel with Henrik Stenson at the TPC Boston.

Trailing by three shots early on the back nine, Fowler rolled in a 40-foot putt on the 14th hole to pull within one and then seized control when Stenson hit a towering tee shot that came down short and into the water for double bogey on the par-3 16th.

That combination sent Fowler to another big win. He closed with a 3-under 68 for a one-shot victory that assured him of a spot in the top five at the Tour Championship and a clear shot at the \$10 million bonus in the FedEx Cup.

Fowler won The Players Championship in a three-hole playoff in May. He won the Scottish Open with three birdies on the last four holes.

"Being in those positions before, I definitely felt very calm out there," he said. "I knew what I was trying to do. Knew what I had to do. And was very much ready to do it."

Fowler moved to No. 5 in the world, not quite part of the "Big Three" this year of Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Jason Day, but perhaps on the cusp of it.

"They've clearly played the best out of anyone

over the past few months to couple of years," Fowler said. "So I'm trying to be a small fourth thrown in there. But there's a lot of other really good young players playing well right now, as well."

Stenson was a runner-up in a FedEx Cup playoff event for the second straight

16th.

"I obviously pulled the wrong club on 16 and was trying to get the most out of a 7-iron into the wind and ballooned that one a little bit and that was the crucial mistake. Making double there was really a killer," Stenson said. "I tried to get those two shots

didn't have to. Where he thrived was off the tee and his iron play into the greens. Swinging freely, he was never really out of position until he went just long of the green on the par-5 closing hole with his second shot.

He played it safe with a putter to 10 feet, putting

no chance to win. William McGirt was on the verge of being eliminated from the FedEx Cup when he holed a 7-iron from the fairway on No. 17 for eagle. A par on the 18th hole allowed him to sneak into the top 70 and advance to the third playoff event north of Chicago in two weeks.

Hunter Mahan kept his streak going by closing with a 70 to tie for fourth, moving him from No. 91 to No. 52. Mahan is the only player who has never missed a FedEx Cup playoff event since this series began in 2007. Jerry Kelly made birdie on the last hole for a 72 to get into the top 70. Keegan Bradley also got in.

Two other players imploded on the back nine to end their season.

Kevin Streelman appeared to be safe in the top 70 until he shot 42 on the back nine for a 77. Carlos Ortiz of Mexico had four straight birdies and was making a late bid for Chicago until he took triple bogey on No. 9 and then shot 41 on the back nine for a 71.

There were no changes to the Presidents Cup, though Matt Jones of Australia squandered a great chance. He only needed third place to make the International team, but he made two double bogeys in three holes to start the back nine and finished in a five-way tie for fourth.

Stenson now has been runner-up four times this year without winning, and this was every bit as good a chance to win as Bay Hill. "It's in the right direction, for sure," Stenson said. "Always disappointing when you can't finish the job when you're in good position. But you have to take the positives." □



Rickie Fowler hits from the rough on the 13th hole during the final round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass., Monday, Sept. 7, 2015.

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week, and this one figures to sting.

He holed a 15-foot birdie putt on No. 10 for a three-shot lead. And when Fowler hit a bold 5-wood to 10 feet for birdie on No. 11 for a two-shot swing, the Swede answered with a 35-foot birdie on the 12th to restore the cushion to two shots.

It all changed quickly and dramatically on the par-3

back or at least one to force a playoff on the last two holes and couldn't manage to do it."

The final hour was every bit as tense as The Players Championship in May, except instead of five players having a chance to win, this was a duel with Stenson the entire back nine. Fowler didn't make any birdies after his long putt on the 14th, but he

pressure on Stenson to the very end.

Fowler finished at 15-under 269 and moved to No. 3 in the FedEx Cup behind Day and Spieth, with Stenson at No. 4 and Bubba Watson at No. 5.

Charley Hoffman bounced back from a 76 to close with a 67 and finish alone in third.

One of the loudest cheers was for a player who had

Blue Jays hit 3 homers in 10-4 victory over Orioles

The Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Troy Tulowitzki, Jose Bautista and Kevin Pillar homered against Chris Tillman as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-4 on Sunday.

AL East-leading Toronto improved to 78-58, becoming the first team since the 2004 Astros to reach 20 games above .500 after having a losing record following the All-Star break.

Toronto was 50-51 on July 28, the day after the Blue Jays acquired Tulowitzki from Colorado. Two days later, Toronto added left-hander David Price in a deal with Detroit.

Tulowitzki and Bautista each had a two-run shot, and Pillar belted a solo drive. Josh Donaldson drove in two runs for the Blue Jays, raising his major league-leading total to 114 RBIs.

Marco Estrada (12-8) pitched five innings for his first win in three starts.

The slumping Orioles lost for the 14th time in 17 games. Tillman (9-11) is 0-4 with a 15.50 ERA in five starts against Toronto this season.

YANKEES 6, RAYS 4

NEW YORK (AP) — Brian McCann and Alex Rodriguez hit back-to-back homers off All-Star Chris Archer that sent New York past Tampa Bay.

Ivan Nova (6-7) pitched six solid innings to stop a three-start losing streak



Toronto Blue Jays' Kevin Pillar slides safely into home plate on a sacrifice fly by teammate Josh Donaldson during sixth inning MLB baseball action against the Baltimore Orioles in Toronto on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015.

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and help the Yankees take two of three in the series. New York, which leads the American League wild-card chase, remained 1 1/2 games behind Toronto in the AL East.

After the first 18 Yankees batters were held to one hit, New York finally broke through in the sixth inning and erased a 3-0 deficit. McCann hit a three-run shot with two outs off Archer (12-11) for his career-high 25th home run.

Rodriguez connected on the next pitch from Archer, who had allowed only one home run in eight previous starts against New York. He

entered 5-0 with a 1.78 ERA against the Yankees.

Andrew Miller stranded two runners in the ninth for his 31st save in 32 attempts. Asdrubal Cabrera and Kevin Kiermaier homered for the Rays.

ASTROS 8, TWINS 5

HOUSTON (AP) — Jed Lowrie hit a grand slam in a five-run seventh inning and Dallas Keuchel became the American League's first 17-game winner as the Astros rallied past the Twins.

The Astros trailed by 1 when Lowrie hit his second career grand slam and his first since 2009 into the second row in right field off Trevor

May (8-9) to make it 5-2. May dropped his head when Lowrie connected and shook it as he bounded around the bases and into a celebration at home plate.

Keuchel (17-6) improved to 13-0 at home this season and set a franchise record with his 14th straight win in Houston dating back to last season. He allowed five hits, three runs and struck out 12 in eight innings.

ANGELS 7, RANGERS 0

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Mike Trout ended a career-worst 27-game home run drought and Hector Santiago pitched six innings

of one-hit ball for his first victory in seven weeks as the Angels beat the Rangers to give manager Mike Scioscia his 1,400th regular-season win.

Scioscia, who has guided the Angels to six AL West championships and a World Series title during his 16 seasons in the job, surpassed Wilbert Robertson for 27th place on the career win list and became the 10th manager to reach 1,400 victories with one club.

A one-out double in the second inning by Rougned Odor was the Rangers' only hit against the effectively wild Santiago (7-9), who issued a career-high six walks and struck out three.

Choo Shin-soo's infield single in the eighth against Mike Morin was the only other hit by the Rangers, who were shut out for the ninth time. It was the 12th shutout by the Angels' staff.

WHITE SOX 7, ROYALS 5

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Adam Eaton homered and scored three times as Chicago beat Kansas City for its fourth straight win.

Eaton had three hits and is batting .517 (15 for 29) in his last seven games. Erik Johnson (1-0), one of Chicago's top prospects, pitched six innings of three-run ball in his first major league appearance this season. He allowed five hits, including homers by Salvador Perez, Jarrod Dyson and Mike Moustakas.

The AL-leading Royals were swept at home for the first time this season. Johnny Cueto (2-5) was pulled after three innings in his fourth straight loss.

David Robertson got three outs for his 29th save.

INDIANS 4, TIGERS 0

DETROIT (AP) — Cody Anderson threw seven innings of two-hit ball to outpitch Justin Verlander as Cleveland beat slumping Detroit. Francisco Lindor snapped a scoreless tie with a two-run triple in the sixth, helping the Indians win for the eighth time in 11 games. Anderson (3-3) walked two and struck out three. □

Harris, Barrios, Texeira score, FC Dallas beats Crew 3-0

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Atiba Harris, Michael Barrios and David Texeira scored as FC Dallas beat the Columbus Crew 3-0 on Sunday night to move into third place in Major League Soccer's Western Conference. Harris opened the scoring for FC Dallas

by firing in a David Texeira headed pass in the 27th minute. Texeira redirected Kellyn Acosta's corner kick with a header pass to Harris. Barrios doubled the lead in the 69th minute with an end-to-end counterattack, and Texeira added his own 2 minutes later. □

Seattle Sounders midfielder Brad Evans, right, looks on as Toronto FC's Josh Williams attempts a bicycle kick near the sideline in the second half of an MLS soccer match, Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015, in Seattle. The Sounders beat Toronto FC 2-1.

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Carlington: Carl Edwards wins Southern 500



Carl Edwards celebrates in victory lane after winning a NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race at Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C., Monday, Sept. 7, 2015. Associated Press

PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Carl Edwards wanted momentum heading into NASCAR's championship chase. He found it at Darlington Raceway.

Edwards rallied after falling two laps down because of a flat tire, then beat Brad Keselowski off pit road for the lead 12 laps from the end and held on for his first Southern 500 victory Sunday night.

Edwards won the Coca Cola 600 in May and had six top-10s in the past seven races. Still, he was looking for a boost that would propel his first-year Joe Gibbs Racing program into the playoffs.

"This is what we needed," Edwards said. "We really needed a shot in the arm." And now Edwards heads into the chase bursting with confidence — in the entire team. He was two laps behind after this flat around Lap 90. He was in 36th place on Lap 140. But there he was at the end, pushing pole-sitter Keselowski and defending Southern 500 winner Kevin Harvick 40 laps from the end.

Crew chief Darian Grubb made strong calls throughout the night, Edwards said, and his pit crew did the job at the most crucial time.

"Everyone did their job in this one," Edwards said af-

ter his 25th Sprint Cup victory.

Keselowski was second and Denny Hamlin finished third. Joey Logano was fourth, followed by Harvick and the Busch brothers, Kurt and Kyle.

Edwards gave Joe Gibbs Racing its seventh victory in the last 10 events. JGR swept the weekend, with Hamlin winning the Xfinity race Saturday.

Edwards did his signature victory backflip in the race's return to Labor Day weekend.

"I guess we made it Carlington for a couple of minutes," Edwards said after his crew taped over part of the "D" on the painted Darlington sign along a retaining wall. "This is the Southern 500. This is amazing."

Edwards has won multiple races in season for the seventh time in 11 seasons as a fulltime driver.

Keselowski started on the pole and by far led the most laps with 196. But he was beaten out of the pits by Edwards on Darlington's record-setting 18th caution period with 12 laps left.

Almost as much as drivers enjoyed Darlington's throwback paint schemes and retro-1970s theme, they loved the low downforce package given the cars — the same that was used to rave driver reviews in Kentucky earlier

this year. "Man, I loved it. This is as good as it gets," Edwards said about the low-downforce package. "This is what it's about: sliding cars, the tires falling off. If there's any way we can run this in the Chase, I hope we do it."

Keselowski agreed. "It separates the race car drivers from the pretenders and that's the way it should be," he said.

Keselowski hoped to use Darlington to springboard into the Sprint Cup playoffs, which start in Chicago in two weeks. He said his team still has work ahead. "Just one spot short at the end," he said. "We're right there. We've just got to find one more level to win these races and win this championship."

NASCAR's regular season ends next week at Richmond, where the field of 16 contenders will be set. Kyle Busch, with four victories, clinched a spot by guaranteeing he would finish among the top 30 drivers. Busch missed the first 11 races after a horrific crash in the Xfinity race at Daytona. NASCAR returned the Southern 500 to Labor Day weekend for the first time since 2003. The track, the sport's oldest superspeedway, closed NASCAR's summer as one of its crown jewel events for 53 years until losing out in Sprint Cup realignment. But NASCAR leaders thought the time was right to put the iconic race back in its traditional sport. The race featured a 1970s, throwback theme, with 35 teams racing in retro paint schemes.

Kyle Larson, his No. 42 sporting Kyle Petty's old Mello Yello colors, came out for driver introductions in a curly wig with a mustache grown for the weekend. NBC Sports got into the spirit, too, having Hall of Famers Ken Squire, Ned Jarrett and Dale Jarrett in the TV booth to call some of the race.

While the hype was huge, the true throwback was Darlington, which was the

same tire-chewing track that's befuddled NASCAR's best for generations. Chase Elliott, running his last Sprint Cup race before slipping into retiring Jeff Gordon's seat in the No. 24 car next season, spun out just eight laps in to bring out a caution.

It was far from the last — for Darlington and for Elliott. Bill Elliott's son, who won the Xfinity race here

in 2014, was involved in another spin that took him out of the race for good.

Tony Stewart stayed out during one of the cautions while the field pitted and wound up leading for 10 laps, the first time he's run up front since Talladega last May. But Stewart was quickly run down by the pack of front runners, led by Harvick and Keselowski. □

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NL Capsules

Cole pitches 7 shutout innings, Pirates beat Cardinals 7-1

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Gerrit Cole pitched seven scoreless innings as Pittsburgh used home runs from Aramis Ramirez, Sean Rodriguez and Starling Marte to beat St. Louis.

Cole (16-8) gave up two hits, struck out seven and walked three as he bounced back from his worst start of the season.

Second-place Pittsburgh cut the Cardinals' lead in the NL Central to 5 1/2 games and earned its first series victory at Busch Stadium since April 2013. The teams are 8-8 against each other with one series to play at Pittsburgh in the final week of the season.

John Lackey (11-9) gave up three runs and 10 hits in 7 1-3 innings but extended his streak of quality starts at home to 15.

Cole also drove in his first run of the season with a two-out single in the seventh off Lackey.

MARLINS 4, METS 3

MIAMI (AP) — Martin Prado hit a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Miami a victory over the New York Mets.

New York's lead in the NL East was shaved to four



Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Gerrit Cole leaps but can't reach a ball bounced in the air by St. Louis Cardinals' Jason Heyward during the sixth inning of a baseball game Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015, in St. Louis. Pirates third baseman Aramis Ramirez was able to field the ball and throw Heyward out at first.

games over the Nationals heading into a pivotal three-game series between the teams beginning Monday afternoon in Washington.

The Mets dropped two of three in Miami, with both losses coming on game-

ending swings by Prado. He also hit a walk-off double in Friday's 6-5 win in 11 innings as part of a five-hit night. Pinch-hitter Justin Bour delivered a tying homer for the Marlins with two outs in the eighth off Tyler Clippard (2-1).

A.J. Ramos (2-4) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the ninth when pinch-hitter Travis d'Arnaud grounded into a double play.

Yoenis Cespedes and Wilmer Flores homered for the Mets. Touted rookie Steven Matz exited in the sixth with

a blister on his middle finger but was optimistic he'll be able to make his next start. It was Matz's first major league start since July 5. He was sidelined for nearly two months with a partially torn muscle near his armpit.

NATIONALS 8, BRAVES 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bryce Harper homered for the third straight day as Washington beat lowly Atlanta to finish a four-game sweep. Jayson Werth hit a three-run homer in Washington's five-run second inning, helping the Nationals to their fifth straight win and seventh in nine games overall. Yunel Escobar had three hits and scored two runs. Five relievers combined for 4 2-3 innings of two-hit ball, with Felipe Rivero (2-1) getting the win. Nick Swisher drove in two runs for Atlanta. Manny Banuelos (1-4) was chased in the third inning, and the Braves went on to their 12th straight loss for the first time since 1988.

The Nationals improved to 13-3 this year against Atlanta. They took all 10 home games, matching a franchise record against a division foe. □

Associated Press



New York Liberty center Tina Charles, middle, drives against Minnesota Lynx forward Rebekkah Brunson (32) and center Sylvia Fowles, right, during the second half of a WNBA basketball game, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015, in Minneapolis. The Liberty won 75-71.

Associated Press

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Tina Charles had 18 points and 14 rebounds, Sugar Rodgers hit a pair of free throws with 12.0 seconds left and the New York Liberty

clinched the top seed in the East with a 75-71 victory over the Minnesota Lynx on Sunday night.

In a matchup of the WNBA's top teams, the Liberty (22-9) earned the No. 1

WNBA Capsules

Liberty clinch East with 75-71 win over Lynx

spot in the Eastern Conference for the first time since 2002 and tied a season record for wins the franchise set in 2010.

The Liberty also moved 1 1/2 games ahead of the Lynx (21-11) in the race for home-court advantage throughout the playoffs.

New York took the lead for good during a 20-4 run midway through the third quarter. Minnesota pulled within 69-68 with 5:50 left but turned it over on five of its last eight possessions, including Rodgers' steal on the final possession to seal the win.

Maya Moore led the Lynx

with 23 points.

SPARKS 92, SHOCK 73

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Candace Parker scored a season-high 33 points and Nneka Ogumike added 26, to help the Sparks clinch the final playoff spot in the Western Conference by beating the Shock.

Parker added eight rebounds and five assists while Ogumike finished with nine rebounds and three steals. Jantel Lavender had 10 points, nine rebounds and three blocks for Los Angeles (14-18).

The Sparks took a 39-27 lead into halftime and led by double digits for most of

the second half until a 10-0 run by Tulsa (16-15) cut its deficit to 74-70 when Plenette Pierson hit a 3-pointer with 5:56 to play.

Ana Dabovic scored all 10 of her points from there as Los Angeles closed the game with an 18-3 run.

Los Angeles has won three in a row and six of its last seven. Pierson and Odyssey Sims scored 21 apiece for Tulsa, which had its six game win streak snapped.

SKY 93, STORM 65

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Allie Quigley scored 17 points, Elena Delle Donne reached 1,500 career points, and the Sky beat the Storm. □

Wave of new Windows 10 devices on show at Berlin tech fair

FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Computer manufacturers are unveiling the first big batch of devices running Windows 10 at the IFA home electronics show opening in Berlin on Friday.

The industry has seen sluggish sales in recent years as consumers opt to spend their money on smartphones and tablets instead, so many companies are pinning their hopes for a revival in the PC market on the latest version of Microsoft's operating system. Among them is Toshiba, which launched its new Satellite Radius 12 this week, priced at 1,449 euros (\$1,627) in Europe. The 12-inch laptop comes with a 4K screen designed to make the most of Windows 10's graphics ability. It also features a special microphone and a dedicated button for Cortana — Microsoft's voice-controlled digital assistant — as well as infrared cameras to identify users by their faces. "We expect to see lots of new sales from October onward thanks to Windows 10," said Tony Alderson, a senior product manager at Toshiba. The Japanese company also launched its new Satellite Click 10, whose screen can be detached and used as a tablet. It, too, is optimized for Windows 10 and will appear on shelves next month for about 499 euros. Experts say the bet on Windows 10 could pay off, as consumers finally loosen their purse strings.

"Last few years, many people bought Android tablets instead of buying a new computer, but that market is saturated now," said Rudolf Aunkofer, global director IT at consumer research firm GfK. "At the same time laptops are getting quite old, so Windows 10 is likely to kick off a wave of replacements."

Aunkofer said the drop in sales seen in recent years may have been exacerbated by Microsoft's announcement about the new operating system, which prompted some consumers to hold back.



In this Sept. 2, 2015 photo visitors look at Acer laptops that run Windows 10 at the Acer company booth, during the first press day for the International Consumer Electronics Fair 'IFA', at the exhibition grounds in Berlin.

Associated Press

Before that, buyers may have simply been unconvinced that upgrading their devices for Windows 8 — widely seen as more of a cosmetic enhancement than a real improvement — was worthwhile. One problem for computer manufacturers is that Win-

dows 10 is remarkably tolerant of old hardware, and upgrades are free. Microsoft says Windows 10 has already been installed on 75 million devices since its debut at the end of July.

"Many people who have a computer that's 1 to 3 years old will go for the free

upgrade," said Aunkofer. "But there's a big base of machines that's 5 to 7 years old and those will be replaced."

The trend, he said, is toward so-called two-in-one devices which can serve as laptops or tablets, such as the Satellite Click 10, or tablets

with a separate keyboard. Microsoft is urging software designers to embrace its Universal Application Platform, so that desktop software and apps designed for other operating systems will run on Windows 10.

This strategy demonstrates one way in which Microsoft has learned from its recent missteps in the smartphone market. A lack of apps and the relative novelty of its operating system have been cited as a hurdle to consumer uptake, compared to more established smartphone systems such as Apple's iOS and Google's Android.

Nick Parker, vice president of Microsoft's OEM division, said the free upgrade for older Windows computers should help stimulate interest across devices, since it's designed to look the same on laptops, tablets and smartphones.

"Windows 10 lets you try new things and maybe accelerate purchase of new hardware," he said.

The same might be true for one of the low-cost educational computers launched at IFA this week. Acer's Aspire 1 Cloudbook is a fully functional PC for the price of \$169, giving Windows 10 the chance to take back market share in the sub-\$200 segment from Google's Chromebooks. □

'Slave Trade' video game altered after social media backlash

DERRIK J. LANG
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An educational video game has been edited following a social media backlash over a scene depicting slaves being packed into a ship. The creators of "Playing History: Slave Trade" removed a level Monday which featured black slave characters being dropped into a ship similar to the video game "Tetris."

"Apologies to people who were offended by us using game mechanics to underline the point of how inhumane slavery was," read a statement posted on the game's page on Steam, an online store. "The goal was to enlighten and edu-

cate people — not to get sidetracked discussing a small 15-second part of the game." The scene was also removed from the official trailer for the title, which was originally released by Copenhagen-based developer Serious Games Interactive in 2013.

"Slave Trade," which is intended to teach children ages 11 to 14 about slavery in the 18th century, casts players for most of the game as a young slave steward named Putij, who serves on a ship crossing the Atlantic Ocean.

The game captured attention last week when it went on sale on Steam and was promptly chastised on social media for trivializing

slavery with the stacking segment. Serious Games founder Simon Egenfeldt-Nielsen took to Twitter

to defend "Slave Trade" against the controversy before deleting his account Tuesday. □



This photo shows the educational video games, "Playing History: The Plague," "Playing History: Slave Trade" and "Playing History: Vikings," on a computer screen Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

EU markets soothed by Asia assurances

The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Attempts by Chinese officials to reassure investors helped European markets post some modest gains Monday, on a day when trading activity was diminished by a U.S. holiday.

KEEPING SCORE: In Europe, France's CAC-40 closed up 0.6 percent at 4,549.64 while Germany's DAX rose 0.7 percent to 10,108.61. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares ended 0.5 percent higher at 6,074.52. Wall Street was closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

CHINA RHETORIC: China's central bank governor, finance minister and securities agency all tried to reassure investors over the weekend that market turmoil was ending. At a meeting of the Group of 20 major economies, People's Bank of China Gov. Zhou Xiaochuan said Bei-

jing's intervention averted a bigger crisis, according to a central bank statement.

ASIA'S DAY: Despite those attempts to reassure, the Shanghai Composite Index ended 2.5 percent lower to 3,080.42 after fluctuating between gains and losses. Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 1.2 percent to 20,583.52. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 rose 0.4 percent to 17,860.47 while India's Sensex declined 0.3 percent to 23,135.45. Sydney's S&P/ASX 200 shed 0.2 percent to 5,030.40 and Seoul's Kospi was off 0.2 percent at 1,883.22.

US JITTERS: The U.S. remains in focus in the run-up to next week's policy meeting of the Federal Reserve. A mixed August jobs report has left investors wondering what the Fed will do. Friday's figures showed the U.S. unemployment rate fell to a seven-year low but

employers adding fewer jobs than forecast. The Fed has kept its benchmark interest rate close to zero since late 2008, which has pushed up stock prices.

ANALYST TAKE: "Given that Chinese investors are back after a short break last week, coupled with increased uncertainty about the Fed's next policy move ... stock market volatility could remain high," said Fawad Razaqada, technical analyst at Forex.com.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude fell \$1.50 to \$44.55 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price international oils, lost \$1.70 to \$47.91 in London.

CURRENCIES: Trading in currency markets was subdued with the euro up 0.2 percent at \$1.1171 and the dollar 0.3 percent higher at 119.35 yen. □



A man looks at an electronic stock indicator of a securities firm in Tokyo. Attempts by Chinese officials to reassure investors helped European markets post some modest gains Monday, on a day when trading activity was diminished by a U.S. holiday.

(AP Photo/Shizuo Kambayashi)

Snapshots of US job market: Solid hiring but still-tepid pay

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — On Labor Day weekend 2015, the U.S. job market has found an old sweet spot: 5.1 percent unemployment — many miles from the 10 percent joblessness America endured back in 2009. It's the lowest rate in more than seven years, suggestive of healthy hiring levels that have traditionally fostered rising incomes, consumer spending and economic growth.

In August, the unemployment rate fell on the strength of a decent if less-than-stellar 173,000 added jobs. And most economists expect the government to eventually revise up that job gain because of seasonal trends that are notoriously difficult to calculate.

Friday's employment data reflected the durability of the U.S. economy, which has so far withstood distress worldwide: Tumultuous stock markets, a sharp slowdown in China, a perpetually struggling European economy and the start of a recession in Canada, America's largest trading partner.

Yet the report also spotlighted aspects of an economic expansion that has been steady without being fully satisfying: Wage growth remains slight. And millions remain relegated to the sidelines of the job market.

Joseph LaVorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank, grades the job market as "good" but not great. "It's a solid B," LaVorgna said. "Definitely not an A."

— **5.1% UNEMPLOYMENT:** That figure serves as compelling evidence for why the U.S. job market is the envy of most of the industrialized world. The unemployment rate has dropped a full percentage point over the past 12 months, and for a good reason: More Americans are finding work.

At previous times during the recovery from the Great Recession, the unemployment rate had dipped only because many people had abandoned their job searches and were no longer counted as unemployed.

Employers have added nearly 2.6 million workers since last year — about 764,000 more than the number who left the workforce to retire, start school or end their job hunts in frustration, according to the government's monthly survey of households.

A 5.1 percent unemployment rate also fits the Federal Reserve's picture of a normal economy. And so it heightens expectations that the Fed will raise interest rates from record lows later this month. Maximizing employment is one of the Fed's mandates.

But the Fed must balance that task with its other mandate: To stabilize prices. And across the economy, inflation remains well short of the Fed's 2 percent target, at which point a rate hike would be appropriate.

— **221,000 JOBS:** That's the average monthly job growth over the past three months. That average could rise later because economists say seasonal adjustment quirks could cause the August jobs figure of 173,000 to be revised up by 50,000 or more.

Why do job gains of more than 200,000 matter so much? It's roughly twice the monthly influx of workers into the job market. It means that demand for workers exceeds the incoming supply and suggests that employers foresee continued customer demand.

Tellingly, hiring in August shifted away from sectors with heavy exposure to the global economy. Manufacturers, for example, shed 17,000 jobs. The pace of hiring also slipped for business services.

More than half the added jobs came from industries largely insulated from overseas turmoil: Government, education and health services. □

Glencore plans to issue stock, slash debt

GENEVA (AP) — Swiss commodities giant Glencore has announced a \$10.2 billion plan to cut debt and issue shares to adapt to plunging market prices. The plan involves issuing \$2.5 billion of shares, as well as suspending its dividend, further reducing its capital expenditures and

selling \$2 billion in assets through the end of next year.

Glencore said in a statement Monday that the moves are "prudent" in the face of market volatility and speculation. They come on top of cuts to capital expenditure and costs already announced

last month.

The company said it remains "very positive" about the long-term, saying copper and zinc were "supply-challenged" and key ingredients of future global growth. It predicted thermal coal will have an important place in the global energy mix. □

A Q&A with Wall Street's top psychiatrist on market turmoil

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When it seems like the stock market has lost its mind, big banks and investment firms often turn to one particular psychiatrist: Richard Peterson, CEO of MarketPsych, a firm that applies research from behavioral science to financial markets.

MarketPsych's computer programs attempt to gauge the market's mood by scanning news and Twitter and other social media. The data feed it sells to traders sifts through more than 3 million articles each day, registering confusion, optimism and fear. Recently, Peterson warned his investor clients that they were in for a rough ride and probably "a real correction" later in the summer. "Fear is creeping in," he said.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Peterson fielded some questions about the recent market volatility. The interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: How do you explain all the turmoil over the past few weeks?

A: It has to do with the flow of information. People often respond slowly. So in behavior finance, there's under-reaction where news hits the market and people don't respond right away. And there's over-reaction. People collectively say, "Oh my goodness, it's terrible," and sell in a panic.

In July, we changed our outlook to negative, because the news flow was getting negative. It wasn't

reflected in the prices. People see the bad news and say, "The party is still on. I'm not going to leave." You

behavior based on his emotional state and what he says, the information he communicates.

six months ago? It's just fishing for a reason.

Q: What's the better expla-

of course it's going to happen in markets, too.

Q: Is there anything like this in daily life? When many people hear a fire alarm, they often sit still until other people get out of their seats. You think, "Maybe I need to take this seriously." **A:** That's a good analogy. In this case, people know they shouldn't pay attention to the ups and downs of the market. But what makes them pay attention and decide to collectively bail out? Does China really matter all that much? They're slowing down from 7 percent a year economic growth. Big deal. Falling oil prices are good for everybody.

So how does this get framed as a negative? In conditions of uncertainty, we tend to look to the herd to tell us whether it matters, and the best representation of the herd is prices. People assume the herd knows something important and has better information. The herd knows something they don't. So when the herd starts moving, you think, "I better stick with them, because I'm safe if I'm with the herd." It's an intelligent adaptation for use in uncertain situations, just not in the financial markets.

Q: You usually advise big investment funds. Any advice for the average Joe?

A: People have to decide if they're going to try and time the market or sit and hold on. If you're going to buy and hold, stop paying attention. Review once a month or once a year. You need to have discipline. □



Andrew Silverman, left, and a fellow trader work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. When it seems like the stock market has lost its mind, big banks and investment firms often turn to one particular psychiatrist: Richard Peterson, CEO of MarketPsych.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

can see the bad news rolling in. People were under-reacting, and that usually happens after a long period of good news. We've had this long run in the stock market for years. People just get complacent.

Q: The news usually doesn't lead people to take action. What does?

A: The key to what's happening here is how information flow affects human behavior. How you feel determines what you'll do. For me as a psychiatrist, I was trained to try and predict people's behavior. If somebody is in my office and he's upset, I have to decide if he's dangerous to others or dangerous to himself. I have to predict

The information people get from the media can influence their emotional state and change what they're likely to do. That's the whole goal of advertising, right? Advertisers aren't stupid. They wouldn't spend all that money on advertising if it was a waste of money. They're driving people's behavior.

Q: What's the most ridiculous analysis you've heard during this turbulence?

A: I think a lot of the explanations about China are ridiculous. It's when people pin it on an exact cause. To say it was China not stepping in to save the market on Monday, so of course they had to sell. Oh, that's logical. Why now? Why not

nation?

A: Maybe it sounds like voodoo to people. Look, information affects our willingness to take risks, and our willingness to take risks had been evaporating. It's the accumulation of bad news from multiple places: from the oil sector, from the mining sector, from China. As bad news accumulates, it makes people gradually less likely to take risks. The probability that a small decline will turn into a big decline increases. It's like a forest that hasn't had rain in a while. A few sparks fall on the undergrowth, and they don't start anything. But eventually, the tinder gets so dry, it becomes a conflagration. We see it in nature so

Tesco agrees to sell South Korea business in \$6 billion deal

YOUKYUNG LEE
AP Business Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — British retailer Tesco PLC agreed Monday to sell its South Korean retail business to a locally led consortium in a deal worth about \$6 billion.

The acquisition by South Korean private equity firm MBK Partners and a group of Canadian and

Singaporean investors is the largest ever in South Korea and one of the biggest deals in Asia so far this year.

Tesco said it will use the 4 billion pounds (\$6.1 billion) of cash proceeds from the sale to reduce its debt, which amounts to 4.2 billion pounds. The deal is expected to be completed during the final quarter of

this year, pending shareholder approval from Tesco and South Korean government approval.

Homeplus is South Korea's second-largest retailer. Its chains of discount stores generated annual revenue of 8.6 trillion won (\$7.1 billion) through February with 788 billion won earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amorti-

zation.

Two Canadian pension funds and Singapore state investment company Temasek are part of the consortium. The MBK-led consortium said it will invest 1 trillion won in Homeplus over the next two years.

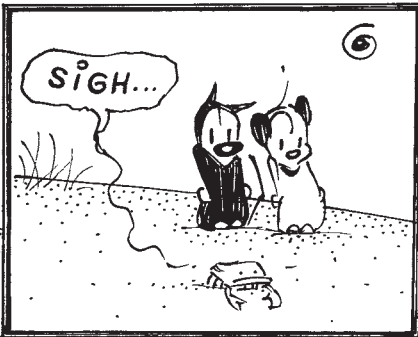
Tesco, which reported a full-year loss of \$8.5 billion through February, has

been restructuring its businesses. It closed 43 unprofitable stores in April.

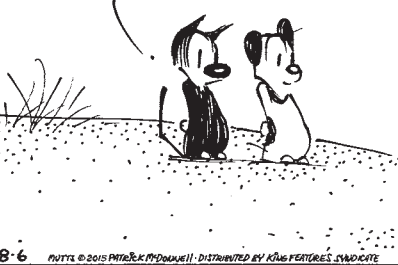
Homeplus, meanwhile, is facing criminal and civil lawsuits in South Korea. Company executives were charged in February for selling the personal data of millions of customers to insurance companies, which used the information for marketing. □

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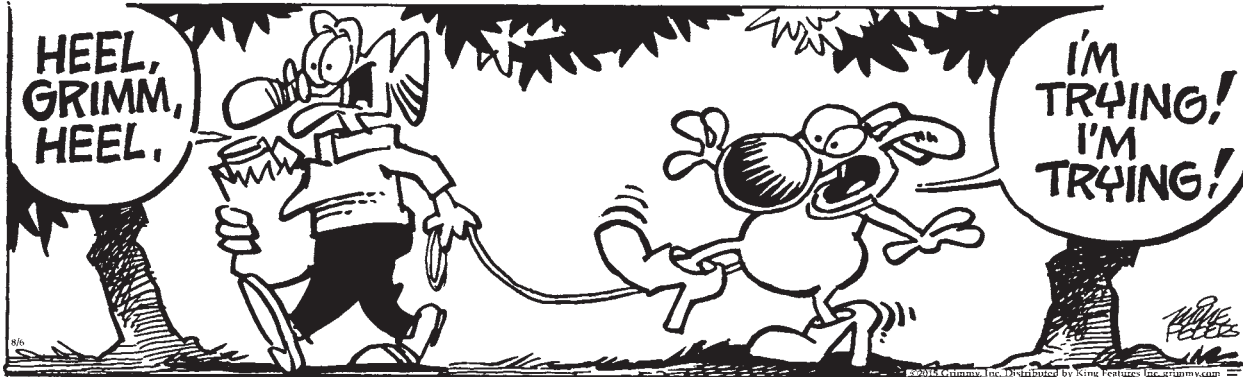
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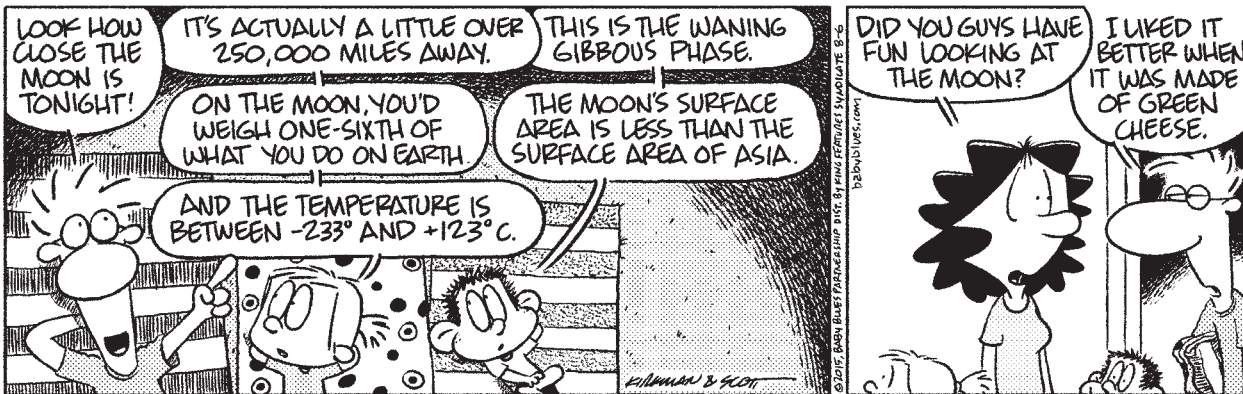
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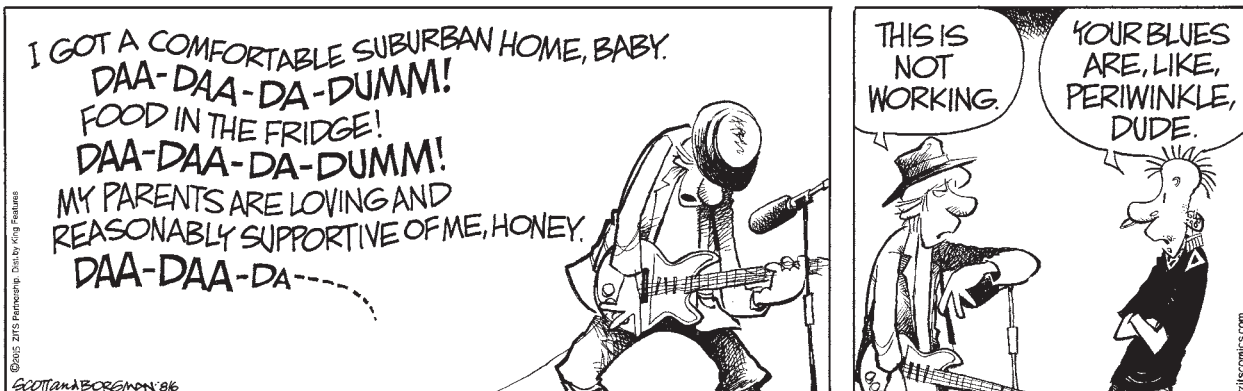
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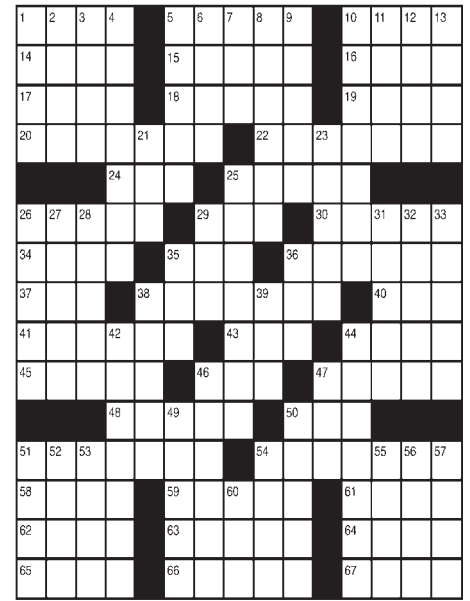
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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5	1	8	2	9	6	3	7	4
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- Serling and Stewart
- Hillbillies
- Clean the floor with a mop
- Fired
- Chili dog topper, often
- Lunch for señor
- Credit card
- Excessive
- Finds a total
- Dickinson or Angelou
- Materials
- Do drugs
- Creator
- Shadowboxes
- Put a spell on
- Approaches
- Story
- Friend
- Ms. McArdle
- Crawling insect
- Mistaken belief
- Small amount, as of Brylcreem
- Prejudiced
- as the hills
- Dimwit
- "Skedaddle!"
- Hole-making tool
- Most terrible
- Outdoor feasts
- Nickname for Coolidge
- Attempts
- Panacea
- The Bee Gees, for one
- Movie award
- collar; pet accessory
- James or Scott
- Dishonest folks
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- Shacks
- Rent long-term
- Team's defeat



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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AVID	RADIO	BRAG
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ART	RACY	NEEDS
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- Invitation letters
- Columbus, _____
- Amount to be swallowed
- One's height
- On the _____; free
- Hostels
- El _____; Spanish hero
- Baseball's Sandy _____
- Move furtively
- Had the lead role
- Usually-dry streambed
- Current letters
- Supervisor
- Curvy letter
- Bandleader _____ Goodman
- Becomes milder with age
- Punctures
- Extreme fear
- Church table
- Actor Holbrook
- Zeal
- Peruses
- Wooden shoe
- Cushion
- Monogram for author Doyle
- Leg bone

- Everybody
- Taverns
- Sad
- One from "Down Under"
- Armed conflict
- Ring-shaped island
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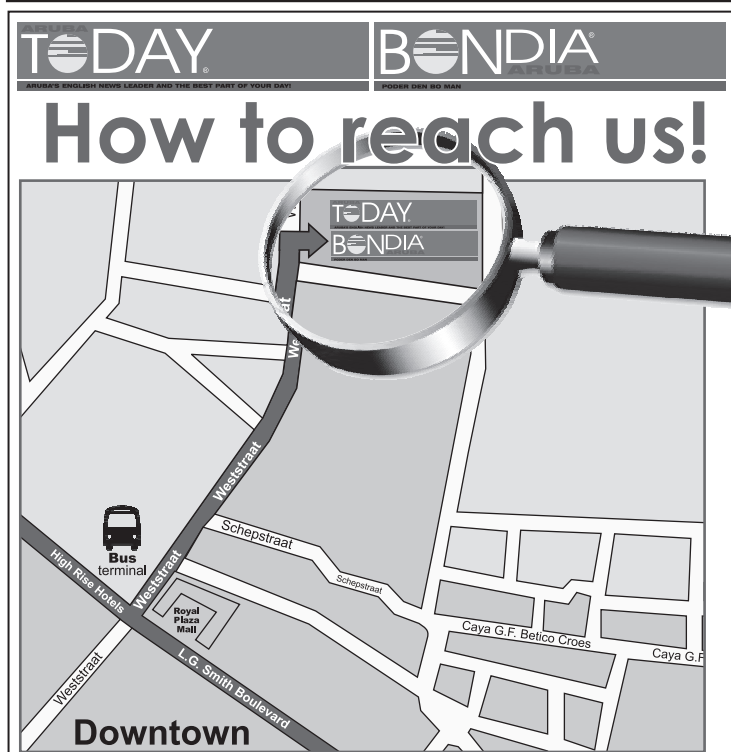
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U.S. study asks if Atlantic hurricane season is weakening

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AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A provocative new study asks if an end is coming to the busy Atlantic hurricane seasons of recent decades. The Atlantic looks like it is entering in to a new quieter cycle of storm activity, like in the 1970s and 1980s, two prominent hurricane researchers wrote Monday in the journal *Nature Geoscience*.

Scientists at Colorado State University, including the professor who pioneered hurricane seasonal prognostication, say they are seeing a localized cooling and salinity level drop in the North Atlantic near Greenland. Those conditions, they theorize, change local weather and ocean patterns and form an on-again, off-again cycle in hurricane activity that they trace back to the late 1800s.

Warmer saltier produc-



This Aug. 31, 2005 file photo shows a man pushing his bicycle through flood waters near the Superdome in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina left much of the city under water.

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es periods of more and stronger storms followed by cooler less salty water triggering a similar period

of fewer and weaker hurricanes, the scientists say. The periods last about 25 years, sometimes more,

sometimes less. The busy cycle that just ended was one of the shorter ones, perhaps because it was so strong that it ran out of energy, said study lead author Phil Klotzbach.

Klotzbach said since about 2012 there's been more localized cooling in the key area and less salt, suggesting a new, quieter period. But Klotzbach said it is too soon to be certain that one has begun.

"We're just asking the question," he said.

But he said he thinks the answer is yes. He says the busy cycle started around 1995 and probably ended in 2012; in 2005 alone, Katrina, Rita and Wilma killed more than 1,500 people and caused billions of dollars of damage. The quiet cycle before that went from about 1970 to 1994 and before that it was busy from 1926 until 1969, he said.

Klotzbach doesn't take into

account where a storm hits, but how strong storms are and how long they last regardless of whether they make landfall. So even though no major hurricane hit the United States in 2010, its overall activity was more than 60 percent higher than normal. And just because it's a quiet season doesn't mean a city can't be devastated, Klotzbach said. Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida in an otherwise quiet 1992 season as a top-of-the-scale storm. Other scientists either reject the study outright or call it premature.

"I think they're pretty much wrong about this," said MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel, who also specializes in hurricane research. "That paper is not backed by a lot of evidence." Emanuel doesn't believe in the cycle cited by the researchers or the connection to ocean temperature and salinity. He thinks the quiet period of hurricanes of the 1970s and 1980s is connected to sulfur pollution and the busy period that followed is a result of the cleaning of the air. And Jim Kossin of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said cooler water temperatures earlier this year might be due to Atlantic dust, and August temperatures there have risen.

Another NOAA scientist, Gabriel Vecchi, said while there seems to be signs of a change in the circulation of the Atlantic, it's far too early to say that the shift has happened.

"So what happens in the next few years is going to be very exciting to watch as it may help settle or at least refine some intense scientific debates," Vecchi said in an email. □

U.S. replanting project focuses on repairing East Coast

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Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP) — Vast stretches of the tall grasses that dot the Atlantic coast were destroyed during Superstorm Sandy, removing a vital protective buffer for the region's shoreline.

Now, the New England Wild Flower Society and its partners are planning to collect the seeds of native plants like saltmarsh rush and little bluestem and replant them in areas battered by the deadly 2012 storm.

The \$2.3 million project will help make these habi-

tats more resilient to future storms, especially the coastal areas that act as a buffer during storms, the Society said. For inland states, the seeds will be used to help restore river banks in areas that flooded extensively during Sandy.

The two-year project is the first large-scale, coordinated, seed banking effort in the Eastern United States. It is part of the Seeds of Success program, a national initiative the Bureau of Land Management first established in 2001. Wildlife refuges in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire

and Rhode Island are participating in the New England collection effort. The Society's partners, North Carolina Botanical Garden and Mid-Atlantic Regional Seed Bank, part of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, will collect and distribute seeds in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and New York.

Bill Brumback, conservation director for New England Wild Flower Society, said his team is collecting seeds from inland areas of wildlife refuges and replanting them near the coast. □

'War Room,' Spanish language cartoon stand out at box office

LINDSEY BAHR

AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Summer blockbusters gave way to the small and highly targeted over a sleepy Labor Day weekend at the box office, with notable performances from the faith-based "War Room" and the Spanish language cartoon "Un Gallo con Muchos Huevos."

Sony's "War Room" fought its way to first place in its second weekend in release, earning \$12.6 million across the four-day holiday weekend, according to Rentrak estimates on Monday. The micro-budget family drama, which cost only \$3.5 million to produce, has grossed \$27.9 million to date. Financial success for faith-based films is not exactly a surprise at this point, but "War Room's" impressive hold from its opening weekend is significant.

Paul Dergarabedian, Rentrak's senior media analyst, attributes "War Room's" second weekend success to heightened awareness after it nearly usurped "Straight Outta Compton" last weekend.

Also, word of mouth is strong for "War Room." Dergarabedian said according to exit polling, 75 percent of the audience said they would definitely recommend the movie — a substantial and interesting contrast to the dismal critical reception for the film. "It's just a great story of a film that really filled a void in the marketplace, with a message that the audience could really get behind," he said.

New release "A Walk in the Woods," debuted in third place, behind previous champ "Straight Outta Compton," with \$10.5 million from 1,960 screens. The buddy dramedy based on Bill Bryson's memoir starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte cost a reported \$8 million to make and has taken in \$12.2 million since its Wednesday opening.

The action pic "The Transporter Refueled," meanwhile, opened in fifth with a lackluster \$9 million from



This photo provided by Broad Green Pictures shows, Robert Redford, from left, as Bill Bryson, Emma Thompson as Cynthia Bryson and Nick Nolte as Stephen Katz in the film, "A Walk in the Woods."

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over 3,400 screens. Costing only \$21 million to produce, this franchise outing subbed in a relatively unknown actor, Ed Skrein, for star Jason Statham, who had helped the previous three films succeed.

Dergarabedian said while both films will likely perform decently in theaters, their

VOD earning potential is great.

"Both of those movies will end up being profitable on the small screen down the road," he said.

But, it was Pantelion's Spanish-language animated film "Un Gallo con Muchos Huevos," that truly stood out among the pack, tak-

ing in \$4.4 million from just 395 locations over the four-day weekend. Although it doesn't come close to the sensational \$10.4 million Labor Day weekend debut of Pantelion's 2013 film "Instructions Not Included," it does still illustrate the significant power of an underserved audience.

"Latinos represent 17 percent of the population and buy 24 percent of movie tickets. They go to the movies all the time and they go to movies as families. If we can create a film that resonates with families over a holiday weekend, it tends to do well," said Paul Presburger, CEO of Pantelion. "Where Hollywood releases big movies that appeal to everyone, we release movies that specifically and culturally appeal to the Latino audience," he added. They relied on grassroots marketing to get the word out about the film and plan to expand to over 580 locations next weekend.

"It's the highest per-theater average of any film in national release, that film, like 'War Room,' filled a void in the marketplace," said Dergarabedian.

"Hollywood is creating a lot of diverse product. It's all about people relating to what's going on on-screen."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Monday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. □

Richie Jen says directing romantic comedy fulfills a dream

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Richie Jen says his new film — his first as a director — is just like his music: simple and pure.

The 49-year-old entertainer wrote, directed and stars in "All You Need Is Love" alongside Taiwanese superstar Shu Qi. She plays a rich girl running away from problems at home who meets and falls in love with Jen's character, a struggling inn owner.

With 30 years of showbiz experience, Jen is known first as a pop singer. And he says, just like his music, his film gives audiences that a warm, fuzzy feeling. "I think movies are dream factories. I want to make your dreams come true and feel blissful afterwards."

"My music is very simple, not a big deal, but it is sincere, very pure and moving."

A megahit single from Jen's 1996 multiplatinum album opened the door for film and TV roles.

During those years of acting, he kept alive his life's dream of becoming a film director, often sharing his vision and script ideas with real-life pal Shu.

He credits her as his muse, but never thought Shu would be available for his directorial debut. When his management told him Shu was available but he had to work quickly to meet her schedule, he was eager.

"I only had 2 months to prepare. Is that enough? Doesn't matter! Bring it on!"



In this Friday, Sept. 4, 2015 photo, Taiwanese actor/director Richie Jen speaks during an interview on his new film "All You Need Is Love" in Taipei, Taiwan.

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We need to put ourselves out there for our dreams. I said, 'Yes!' And then started preparing," he said.

"All You Need Is Love" is in theaters in Taiwan and China and opens in Hong Kong on Thursday. □

Boston awaits release of new Bulger movie 'Black Mass'

DENISE LAVOIE

AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON (AP) — On the streets of South Boston, where the name Whitey Bulger once evoked fear, the locals have become accustomed to books and movies that try to capture the life of the notorious gangster.

With the release of a new biopic, "Black Mass," set for Sept. 18, anticipation is building in South Boston, where James "Whitey" Bulger rose from a childhood in public housing to the leader of a multimillion dollar criminal enterprise of drugs, extortion and money-laundering that was responsible for numerous murders.

"I want to go see it," said Karen Gleason, 65, a life-long resident of the neighborhood often called Southie, where Bulger's Irish-American Winter Hill Gang held power.

"I think the original South Boston people will go see it, but I don't know about anyone else. There's a lot of diversity here now," Gleason said, referring to changing demographics that have turned the once working-class neigh-



In this image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment, Joel Edgerton portrays John Connolly, left, and Johnny Depp portrays Whitey Bulger in the Boston-set film, "Black Mass."

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borhood into an up-and-coming hip area for young professionals.

"Black Mass," starring Johnny Depp as Bulger, is the latest of more than a dozen books and movies to tell his story, including the 2006 film "The Departed," in which Jack Nicholson's character was loosely based on Bulger.

His story continues to fasci-

nate.

Nicknamed "Whitey" for the shock of white-blond hair he had as a child, Bulger, now 86, became the city's most feared gangster, ruling its underworld from the 1970s into the 1990s while simultaneously working with the FBI as an informant on the New England Mafia, his gang's main rival. His brother, William

Bulger, became one of the state's most powerful politicians, serving as president of the Senate from 1978 to 1996.

Whitey Bulger fled Boston in 1994 after being tipped off by his FBI handler, John Connolly Jr., that he was about to be indicted.

He was a fugitive for more than 16 years before he was finally captured in 2011 in Santa Monica, California, with his long-time girlfriend, living in a rent-controlled apartment with guns and more than \$800,000 in cash stuffed inside the walls.

After a sensational federal trial in 2013, Bulger was convicted of participating in 11 murders and a litany of other crimes. He is now serving a life sentence.

"Black Mass," based on a book written by former Boston Globe reporters Dick Lehr and Gerard O'Neill, also stars Benedict Cumberbatch as William Bulger and Joel Edgerton as Connolly. In the film's trailers, an intense Depp is shown beating, strangling and shooting his victims. But one scene shows a gentler side of Bulger, as he talks on a sidewalk with an old woman who asks him how long he's been out of prison. "It's wonderful to have you back in the neighbor-

hood, son," the woman says, reflecting an image some had of Bulger as a harmless crook who kept drugs out of South Boston — a notion debunked during his 2013 trial.

Former Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Kelly, who prosecuted Bulger, said he hopes the film doesn't glamorize Bulger or downplay the FBI's role in protecting him.

"I hope it shows his evil nature and shows the public corruption that permitted his gang to flourish unchecked for many years," Kelly said. "It's an essential part of the story."

Retired state police Maj. Tom Duffy, one of the lead investigators, said he was skeptical about how the FBI will be portrayed.

"I think it would be a grave injustice if they glorify this whole episode in Boston history just to satisfy the movie-going public," he said.

O'Neill said the film is a realistic portrayal of Bulger and his relationship with the FBI, particularly Connolly, who is now serving a 40-year prison term for second-degree murder for leaking information to Bulger that prompted him to order the killing of a Boston businessman.

"It's faithful to the book," O'Neill said. "I thought (Depp) nailed it. It was very accurate."

The movie had its world premiere Friday in Venice. Special screenings are also planned in Toronto on Sept. 14 and Boston on Sept. 15. Some younger Southie residents know little or nothing about Bulger and won't be flocking to theaters.

"I've heard his name, maybe once," said Brittney Mante, 24, a technology consultant who's lived in the neighborhood for two years. "I would probably watch it if it comes out on DVD or Netflix."

Feelings are stronger among some family members of Bulger's alleged victims, including Steve Davis, whose 26-year-old sister, Debra, was killed in 1981. □

'Mad Men' star Hamm and Westfeldt split after 18 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Months after denying their relationship was over, Jon Hamm and Jennifer Westfeldt are splitting up.

Hamm and Westfeldt released a statement Monday through publicist Annett Wolf that "with great sadness" they were separating after 18 years. The couple, who never married, said they would "continue to be supportive of each other in every way possible."

The statement first appeared on the web site of People magazine.

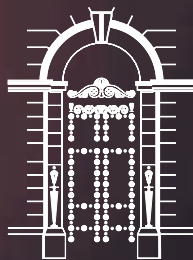
Earlier this year, the "Mad Men" actor completed treatment for alcohol addiction and praised Westfeldt, an actress and film-



In this Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, file photo, actors Jon Hamm and Jennifer Westfeldt attend the premiere of "Into The Woods," at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York. Hamm and Westfeldt released a statement Monday, Sept. 7, 2015, through publicist Annett Wolf that "with great sadness" they were separating after 18 years.

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maker, for her support, Wolf said at the time. In April, they disputed reports they were breaking up. □



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